

Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council
SHELLFISH ADVISORY PANEL
Wednesday, August 10, 2016
URI Bay Campus, Coastal Institute Building, Large Conference Room
218 S Ferry Road, Jamestown, RI

MEETING MINUTES

RIMFC members present: J. Grant (SAP Chair)

DEM DFW: C. McManus; W. Helt; J. Livermore;

Scientific Advisor: D. Leavitt;

CRMC: D. Beutel;

SAP members present: K. Eagan; J. Gardner; M. McGivney; D. Ghigliotty

Public: B. Christensen;

Applicants: J. Arnoux; K. Hess; A. Silkes; B. Silkes; R. Sousa;

1. CRMC Aquaculture Lease Application: CRMC File # 2016-03-111 Salt Water Farms; East Passage.

D. Beutel provided a brief overview of the proposal and comments from other agencies. The applicants followed *D. Beutel's* overview with brief comments for further site description and activity plans, while also answering questions from the SAP. **A motion was made by M. McGivney to recommend no objection to the application; 2nd by D. Ghigliotty. The motion passed 3 – 0 (note: K. Eagan not present for first application).**

2. CRMC Aquaculture Lease Application: CRMC File # 2016-06-046 R. Sousa; Island Park Cove.

D. Beutel provided a brief overview of the proposal and comments from other agencies. The applicant followed *D. Beutel's* overview with brief comments for further site description and activity plans, while also answering questions from the SAP. **A motion was made by J. Gardner to recommend no objection to the application; 2nd by M. McGivney. The motion passed 3 – 1.**

3. CRMC Aquaculture Lease Application: CRMC File # 2016-06-047 Chessawanock Island Oyster Co.; Hog Island Cove.

D. Beutel provided a brief overview of the proposal and comments from other agencies. The applicant followed Dave's overview with brief comments for further site description and activity plans. The SAP members had concerns regarding the proposed site due to navigation in the cove and the shellfish densities in the expansion area (quahog density: 2.6 per m²). **A**

motion was made by *K. Eagan* to recommend objection to the application; 2nd by *M. McGiveney*. The motion passed 3 – 1.

4. CRMC Aquaculture Lease Application: CRMC File # 2016-04-009 East Beach Farms; Ninigret Pond.

D. Beutel provided a brief overview of the proposal, and how comments from other agencies and the CRMC site assessment may result in reducing the size of the proposed site. The applicant followed *D. Beutel's* overview with brief comments for further site description and activity plans, while also answering questions from the SAP. **A motion was made by *M. McGiveney* to recommend no objection to the application; 2nd by *J. Gardner*. The motion passed 4 – 0.**

5. CRMC Aquaculture Lease Application: CRMC File # 2016-05-019 East Beach Farms; Ninigret Pond.

D. Beutel provided a brief overview of the proposal, and how comments from other agencies may result in moving the proposed site slightly west/southwest. The applicant followed *D. Beutel's* overview with brief comments for further site description and activity plans, while also answering questions from the SAP. **A motion was made by *M. McGiveney* to recommend no objection to the application; 2nd by *J. Gardner*. The motion passed 4 – 0.**

Prepared by: C. McManus