

Shellfish Advisory Panel

September 5, 2018; 4:30PM

URI Bay Campus, Coastal Institute Building, Large Conference Room
218 S Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI 02874

MEETING SUMMARY

RIMFC members: J. Grant (Chair)

DEM: C. McManus;

Scientific Advisor: D Leavitt;

SAP members: R. Tellier; K. Eagan; D. Ghigliotty;

CRMC: D. Beutel;

Public: J. Wescott; I. Changsut;

1. Review of aquaculture lease applications sent to public notice by CRMC:

- 2018-04-087, John Wescott, East Passage: *D. Beutel* provided a brief overview of the proposal. *D. Beutel* indicated there was no eel grass at the site and low quahog densities in the site footprint, but there was an objection based on the whelk fishery concerns from Ken Murgo. *K. Egan* expressed similar concerns for whelk fishers being able to fish in this location. *R. Tellier* asked about navigation concerns. *D. Ghigliotty* asked *K. Egan* about potential concerns for quahog fishing in the site, which seemed to be minimal. **Motion made by *K. Eagan* to recommend objection to the application; 2nd by *D. Ghigliotty*. The motion passed 3-0.**

2. Discussion and/or recommendations regarding winter harvest schedules for Greenwich Bay, Bissel Cove, and Bristol Harbor Shellfish Management Areas:

- Greenwich Bay sub-areas 1 and 2: No recommendations were provided for a change to the harvest schedule for Greenwich Bay sub-areas 1 and 2.
- Bissel Cove: No recommendations were provided for any changes to the harvest schedule for Bissel Cove/Fox Is. Shellfish Management Area.
- Bristol Harbor: *K. Eagan* recommended that this area be opened from 8:00AM to noon from January 2 to February 1, and then opened from sunrise to sunset seven days a week from February 1 through the last day of April.

Prepared by: C. McManus