

Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council
Industry Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2011 6:00 PM

URI/GSO Narragansett Bay Campus,
Coastal Institute, Hazard Room
South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI 02882

MFC members Present: Rick Bellavance (Chair)

IAC Members Present: Gerard Tremblay, Michael McGiveney, Christopher Brown, Kenneth Ketcham

IAC Members Absent: Robert Mattiucci, Stephen Arnold, Carl Grandquist, Lanny Dellinger, Robert Smith, Ted Platz.

DEM-DFW Marine Fisheries & CRMC: Najih Lazar, David Beutel

Other participants: Mark Goerner, Sam Paterson, Michael Jarbeau.

Chairman Bellavance opened the meeting with a roll call. Four IAC members were present. Although, a quorum was not present, the Chair reminded the audience that this meeting was called for by the Marine Fisheries Council on an ad-hoc basis for the sole purpose to review the aquaculture applications #2011-02-049 as a continuation from the previous IAC meeting on 2/21/11. The Chair asked the Committee to proceed with the agenda and formulate a recommendation on a consensus basis.

Beutel presented a description of the application # 2011-01-049 submitted by Mark Goerner, for a 4.8 acre lease for oyster farm on the west side of Conanicut Island north of Dutch Harbor. The proposed operation consists of floating long lines technique with a series of trays anchored with mooring blocks for growing Eastern Oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*). Discussion ensued without objections.

McGiveney, on behalf of the RI Shellfishermen's Association, stated no objection to this proposed application.

Brown stated that RI Commercial Druggers' Association has no objection as well.

Tremblay, on behalf of the RI Rod and Reel Association, stated that he has no objection.

Without any objection, the group recommended that the Marine Fisheries Council approve aquaculture application# 2011-01-049 for a 4.8 acre lease for oyster farm on the west side of Conanicut Island north of Dutch Harbor.

Meeting was adjourned at approx. 6:20 PM

By: Najih Lazar