

Gouldsboro Shellfish Meeting Agenda for September 11, 2024

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2024
3. Adjustments to the Agenda
4. Questions for Ella Merchant
5. Bill Update
6. Labs Future
7. Pauline Update
8. Heidi Update (Biotoxin)
9. Net Removal
10. Modifying Closure
11. Purchase Shellfish License
12. Next Scheduled Meeting October 9, 2024
13. Motion to Adjourn

Gouldsboro Shellfish Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2024

Committee Members Attending: Alan, David, Wayne and Mike

1. Meeting called to Order by Wayne at 1807 hours
2. Approval of meeting minutes from June 11, 2024-- Motion made by David-Alan 2nd, motion passed unanimously
3. Adjustments to the agenda: Proposed project from Dr. Beal-10A: Mike has a meeting regarding license reduction with Near Shore Supervisor 10B
4. Questions for Ella Merchant, Mike asked how long she was the Secretary for the Shellfish Committee? She told us that she didn't know for sure. Mike presented her a plaque on behalf of the Shellfish Committee for all her years of service
5. Bill updated the group about the Shore Access Agreement that has be worked out with the folks who own Alexander Dr in West Gouldsboro Bill brought some rack cards that were made to replace the Scuttlebutt booklets as a guide to living in Gouldsboro as a Working Waterfront Community. The rack card has a QR Code that can be scanned by your cell phone and you can download all the information contained in the Booklet. The rack card cost about 20 cents and the booklet cost about \$2.00
6. Labs Future- Some of the things talked about was the amount of volunteer time, the work of netting and removing nets for the clams. Just how many hours does it really take to keep the lab working properly. The availability of seed clams and the cost of flat ready clams. There was a lot of discussion about this topic, it was decided that that conversation would continue at the next meeting.
7. Pauline not in attendance
8. Heidi explained about biotoxin and how the location on the website has changed. You have to go to the growing area number to find all the information for our area. Gouldsboro Growing Area Numbers are EI and EJ and 64A. She also told us about the green crab project that town are doing in town. There has been 11697 green crabs caught so far, with very few thumbnail crabs caught.
9. Removal of the nets covering the clams. We couldn't find a date and tide that was perfect. Alan was going to check and make a recommendation on what size tide that we need to remove the nets so the could be floated off the flats and washed at the same time.

9A. Dr Brain Beal is proposing a project in Gouldsboro using oysters to see if they filter clam spat. He would use 32 treatments, by placing oysters in different numbers in each box. The box will be removed and the contents will be rinsed through 1mm sieve. This project will take place east, mid and south coast. MOTION was made by Mike—2nd Wayne-- To authorize the project if he used 100% triploid oysters. vote was taken motion passed 3 to 1. They were worried about putting oysters on the flats. We have oysters being grown in Gouldsboro already.

9B. Mike has a meeting with the Near Shore Supervisor next week to discuss the requirement that the shellfish committee do surveys in order to reduce our current license numbers. He will report back at the next meeting.

10. Modifying the John Small Closure, Mike asked if the closure on John Small should be reduced from the current closure that ends on 12/31/24. He propsoed that it be closed soon to protect the area from over harvest. Motion was made by Wayne, 2nd by David-- that it would stay open as it is now, and we would talk about it for next year. Motion passed unanimously

11. Next Scheduled Meeting is October 9, 2024

12. Motion to Adjourn was made by Alan, 2nd Wayne—Motion passed Unanimously

Submitted by Shellfish Warden
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