

Gouldsboro Shellfish Meeting Agenda for November 13, 2024

1. Call meeting to Order
2. Approval of meeting minutes October 9, 2024
3. Adjustments to the Agenda
4. Update Bill
5. Update Pauline
6. Update Heidi
7. Shore Access Agreement
8. Shore Access Meeting
9. Update of limited vs unlimited shellfish licenses
10. Green Crabs
11. Meeting Time
12. Winter Changes (Time & Day)
13. Next Meeting December 11, 2024
14. Motion to Adjourn

Gouldsboro Shellfish Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2024

Committee Members Attending: Wayne Bishko, David Deniger, Mike Cronin and Alan Church

1. Wayne called the meeting to Order at 1810 hours
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 9, 2024—Motion to approve as written by David-2nd Alan-- Motion passed unanimously
3. No Adjustments to the Agenda
4. Update from Bill. Bill told us about the meeting at the Black Duck Inn to discuss options to repair the causeway in Corea on Saturday November 16 at 4 PM
5. Pauline had no update
6. Heidi told us that is going to be change in the regulations to Chapter 25.4 regarding green crabs. She told us about the Regional Shellfish Meeting Machias 12-2PM on December 4th. She presented us with the green crab results for our green crab trapping project in town. (See Attached)
7. Mike told us that we have a signed Shore Access Agreement with Rick and Elizabeth at Alexander Drive. He told us that they would be happy to meet with other folks who were considering a shore access agreement. The agreement is between the land owners and the Gouldsboro Shellfish Committee.
8. Mike told us that he attended a Shore Access Meeting in Cherryfield. There were Land Trust Representatives, diggers, members of public. The meeting went very well with lots of information from folks on what they are doing in their communities to try and secure shore access
9. Mike told us that the Select Board approved the motion to change from Limited License Sales to Unlimited License Sales
10. Mike told us that folks in town were contacted by a wholesale dealer to send a 200# sample of green crabs to see if they could find a market for them. The crabs were frozen and shipped.
11. Meeting time was discussed to change the time for the winter to 4PM

12. Mike reminded us about the changes in digging times that took affect November 1 until April 1. The changes are as follows: You can dig 2 hours before sunrise and 2 hours after sunset. You can also dig on Sunday for the same time period.

13. Next Meeting will be announced as the time gets closer.

14. Motion was made by Alan to Adjourn meeting at 1900 hours, 2nd Mike C. -- motion passed unanimously

Submitted by Shellfish Warden
Michael A, Pinkham

Gouldsboro Green Crab Trapping Data as of 11/5/2024

Monthly Catch Totals

Month	Number of Crabs	Crabs < Thumbnail	Lobsters
June	2179	1	0
July	4794	9	0
August	5298	12	5
September	3310	8	0
October	953	0	0
November	50	0	0
Total	16,584	30	5

Number of Crabs by Mesh Size of Trap

Mesh Size	Number of Crabs	Crabs < Thumbnail	Lobsters
1/4"	4273	4	4
1/8"	5049	17	0
Standard	7026	8	1
Unknown	236	1	0
Total	16,584	30	5

Number of Crabs by Location

Crabs by Waterbody	Number of Crabs	Crabs < Thumbnail	Lobsters
Bunker Harbor	5494	6	5
Hog Island	1418	1	0
Grand Marsh Bay	794	0	0
Jones Cove	8878	23	0
Total	16,584	30	5

Number of Crabs by Tidal Height

Crabs by Trap Location	Number of Crabs	Crabs < Thumbnail	Lobsters
Intertidal	11465	24	0
Subtidal	5119	6	5
Total	16,584	30	5

Number of Crabs by Soak Time

Crabs by Soak Time	Number of Crabs	Crabs < Thumbnail	Lobsters
Less than 24 hrs	398	0	1
24 hrs	6573	8	2
25 - 47 hrs	1497	4	0
48 hrs	3925	9	2
49 - 72 hrs	951	2	0
96 hrs plus	2035	6	0
Unknown Soak Time	1205	1	0
Total	16,584	30	5

Number of Crabs Caught by Month

