

Shellfish Advisory Panel

Thursday, November 16, 2017 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Hanover Public Library 534 Hanover Street - Hanover, MA 02339

AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Announcements

2. ISSC Biennial Meeting Outcomes

- a. Marina vs. mooring area classification
- b. Re-submergence protocols
- c. Others

3. Surf Clam/Ocean Quahog Fishery Issues

- a. ISSC meeting outcomes concerning time/temperature requirements
- b. Emerging markets for live product
- c. Plymouth summer-time closure to resolve dredge boat/lobstermen conflicts
- d. Petitions for increased access/permits for small-scale fisheries
- e. Jurisdictional challenges update
- f. Update on investigation into "southern" surf clam presence in MA
- g. Request to consider reduced ocean quahog limit

4. Aquaculture and Vibrio 2017 Update

- a. Vibrio illness and research activity summaries
- b. Outcome of ISSC special Vp meeting
- c. Special Review Procedure for environmental review of aquaculture

5. Regulatory & Legislative Updates

- a. Updated affidavit: Shellfish harvester training and shellfish harvest, handling and transport affidavit
- b. DMF initiative to codify in regulations current policies and permit conditions
- c. Legislation concerning contaminated shellfish relays and assessment of fees to receiving towns
- d. Initiative to develop interstate compliance standards for hatcheries shipping seed to other states

6. Other Business

a. Bay scallop shucking at wholesale dealer policy