

NEW JERSEY SHELLFISHERIES COUNCIL - DELAWARE BAY SECTION -

MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2008

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ADVISORY COUNCIL

Warren Hollinger, Chair, Cumberland Co.
Scott Bailey, Cumberland Co.
Stephen Fleetwood, Cumberland Co.

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James W. Joseph, Shellfisheries
Russell Babb, Shellfisheries
Craig Tomlin, Shellfisheries

HASKIN SHELLFISH LABORATORY

Eric Powell, Director
John Kraeuter, Assoc. Director
David Bushek, Research Professor

Mr. Hollinger called the meeting to order.

Compliance with Sunshine Law: Notice of this meeting was posted with the Secretary of State's Office, State House, Trenton, NJ and the Bridgeton Evening News, The Press, and Daily Journal on December 18, 2007 pursuant to L. 1975 c. 231.

Mr. Joseph informed the Council that this meeting would be recorded.

1. Revenue collected for December 2007: \$31,912.50. The revenue collected is itemized as follows:

License Type	Total	License Type	Total
Commercial Crab Pot License	4,800.00	Assignment Fees	9.00
Commercial Clam License	200.00	Tongers License	190.00
Otter Trawl License	125.00	Area 1, 2, & 3 License	238.00
Food Fish License	22.00	Dredge Boat License	1,232.00
AC Crab Dredge License	3,000.00	Nets	8,119.00
Delaware Bay Crab Dredge License	5,000.00	Maps	28.00
Lease Fees	8,781.50	Application Fees	168.00

- Oyster Resource Development Account balance as of December 4, 2007: \$406,969.60

2. Leased Ground Transactions

- 2.1 Application for New Ground

- Decision

Name: John R. Bateman

SEC.	LOT	ACRES
A	94	147

The applicant was not in attendance at neither the December nor January meetings. Therefore, the application for new ground had been denied.

Name: Eric Bateman

SEC.	LOT	ACRES
A	93	150

The applicant was not in attendance at neither the December nor January meetings. Therefore, the application for new ground had been denied.

- Consideration

Name: Ricci Brothers

SEC.	LOT	ACRES
A	104	24

Mr. Ricci was in attendance.

Name: Norm Bloom & Daughter Inc.

SEC.	LOT	ACRES.		SEC.	LOT	ACRES
B	31	14		D	1	9
B	109	32		D	2	6
C	289	21		D	52	7
C	364	9		D	134	8
C	446	24		D	482	29

Mr. Fleetwood, acting as the authorized agent for Norm Bloom & Daughter, Inc., was in attendance.

2.2 Leased Ground Transfers

John R. Bateman has transferred the following grounds to Bruce Gardner:

SEC.	LOT	ACRES
C	114	10

Richard Malinowski has transferred the following grounds to Robert Malinowski:

SEC.	LOT	ACRES
A	8	41
D	533	20
E	91	25
E	50	50

Councilman Fleetwood made a motion to accept the preceding transfer applications. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion.

3. Old Business

3.1 Title 50

Mr. Joseph stated that Title 50 had been passed by the Senate Committee and both houses and was currently on the Governor's desk where it had to be signed within 45 days. The most noteworthy change to the statute would permit the Division to commence with leasing of bottom within the Cape Shore Aquaculture Development Zone (below the Clam Line). A lengthy conversation ensued. Mr. Joseph stated that the new oyster regulations were submitted and that the new consolidation regulations were being drafted by Bureau staff. A lengthy conversation ensued. Mr. Babb stated that there would be a meeting between the Consolidation Committee and Bureau staff to work out the final details of the consolidation rule proposal.

4. New Business

4.1 Annual Lease Renewals

Councilman Fleetwood made a motion to approve the

lease agreements between the leaseholders and the State of New Jersey. Chairman Hollinger seconded the motion. The leases would be forwarded to Trenton for the Commissioner's signature.

4.2 Annual Election of Chairperson

Mr. Fleetwood made a motion to re-elect Mr. Hollinger as the Chair of the Delaware Bay Shellfisheries Council. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion.

4.3 Oyster Stock Assessment Workshop Reminder

Chairman Hollinger stated that the Oyster Stock Assessment Workshop would be held from February 4 through February 6, 2008. The proceeding would be open to the public.

4.4 General Announcements

4.4.1 Aquaculture Leasing Committee

Chairman Hollinger stated that there would be an

Aquaculture Leasing Committee (a committee of the Aquaculture Advisory Council) meeting on January 18, 2008. He also added that there would be an Oyster Working Group meeting on the same day in Wilmington, DE.

4.4.2 State Police Assistance – Maurice River

The Council thanked the State Police - Marine Unit for regularly checking the oystermen in the Maurice River Cove. Their assistance played a critical part in maintaining the fishery throughout the winter.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Bailey made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fleetwood seconded the motion.

The next meeting of the Delaware Bay Section of the New Jersey Shellfisheries Council will be held on Monday, February 18, 2008 at 6 pm in the library of the Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory, Port Norris, New Jersey.