

**Town of Kittery-Shellfish Conservation Committee**  
**Notes from 2/21/2024 Meeting.**

Present: Todd Rollins, Daniel Clapp, Daniel O'Reilly, Tessa Corsetti, Tim Carven  
Absent: Erin Kempster  
Staff: Chuck Moran, Warden  
Guests: Ari Leach, DMR (via zoom)  
Public: none

- Called to order at 5:06p.
- Roll call
- Ari Leach (DMR) presented the new requirement from DMR that Towns prepare, present to DMR for approval and maintain a "Shellfish Management Plan". She reviewed the template and noted that Cutler just completed theirs and it was approved. Warden Moran agreed to prepare a draft for committee review by 12/15/23, for submission to DMR in early 2024.
- Meeting notes of 8/9/2023 accepted
- Shellfish Warden Report (copy attached)
  - a. Season licenses for 12/1/23-11/30/24 were sold on 9/23/23 at Traip Academy. All licenses but one "Junior" license sold at that time. The remaining "Junior" license was sold on 9/25/23. The committee discussed possible addition of a certain number of season licenses next year to be awarded via a lottery, in response to comments from the public. These would be additional to the season licenses offered for sale in person as done the past two seasons.
  - b. Revised ordinance approved by Town Council and forwarded to DMR for approval.
  - c. Day license allocation request sent to DMR for approval 11/1/23. Requested 10 per open harvesting day. These will be sold on-line via the Town of Kittery website. The committee questioned having all harvest days licenses being on sale up front rather than as the specific day approached. Committee Chair Rollins said he may follow up with Town.
  - d. Sample digging in flats will occur in November-December to meet conservation requirements. Warden Moran will coordinate, and a few committee members expressed a desire to participate.
  - e. DMR answered specifics on Spruce Creek closure. Copy of regulation (National Shellfish Sanitation Program) distributed. Warden Moran will discuss further with DMR, and committee Member Corsetti agreed to review document and assist in any response. Warden Moran agreed to provide Member Corsetti with contact for independent consultant retained by Town for Spruce Creek testing (sent to Member after meeting)
  - f. DMR Regional Shellfish Meeting scheduled 11/14/23 in Brunswick. Warden Moran plans to attend and offered to all Members.
- Warden Moran was asked to contact DMR for information related to any current water testing in Brave Boat Harbor (sent after meeting).
- Meeting adjourned at 5:51p.