

Shellfish Committee 09/13/23
Minutes

Attending: Alvin Jones, Candace Jones, Raelene Pert, Debbie Johnson, William Johnson, Crystal Gove, Billy Gove, Alvah Wendell, George Powell, Ben Hardie, Jonelle Hardie, Robert Ray, Ken Willette, Raymond Hutchinson, John Robbins, Chris Brown, Nicole Brophy, Seve Kane, Jeremy Eaton, Jaden Porter

Meeting convened at 6:03 PM

Shellfish Warden Report - Raelene

Hannah and Grace did a shoreline survey of Greenlaw Cove to Reach Beach, checking septic systems.

- Major sources of pollution appear to be wildlife
 - deer and geese.
 - The goose population has grown.
 - Also seeing sea otters.
- Someone has been cutting down cables and replacing locks.
 - Perpetrators will be charged
 - Surveillance cameras have been installed
- Special conservation event had only one attendee. Request not to hold special events.
- Mandatory meetings. Suggest posting laminated schedules in the post office. Deer Isle can print and laminate the notices.
- Complaints from the dealers about dirty/broken clams.
- September 5, 2023 - some areas were reclassified
 - Pickering Cove opened up
 - Information was posted on the DMR site. Raelene posted that to social media
 - The shellfish committee did not know in advance
 - Pickering Cove
 - Ken Willette - noted that DMR opened the site when he thinks they should have waited. He feels they should have waited the full 25 days.
 - The restrictions can favor clamming and relocating smaller clams.
 - Would like to see the results immediately after the tests are taken as is done.
- Robert comment: Greenlaw Cove - has never had bad water, but one bad test caused the reclassification.
- George noted that he has met with DMR. He does not see a conspiracy. They provide reports that we request.
- George moves that we postpone reading of the minutes. Passed.
- George moves that we put a limit on the amount of time that anyone speaks. Passed.
- Jim Fisher has offered to work with DMR to request rapid turn around of water testing results.

Adjourned at 6:45 PM