

## Gouldsboro Shellfish Meeting Agenda for October 11, 2023

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from June 7, 2023
3. Adjustments to the Agenda
4. Bill Update
5. Pauline Update
6. Heidi Update
7. Lab Update
8. Clam Licenses
9. Template for DMR
10. Survey
11. Next Meeting November 8, 2023
12. Motion to Adjourn

## Gouldsboro Shellfish Meeting Minutes for October 11, 2023

1. Wayne called the meeting to Order at 6PM
2. Approval of the meeting minutes from June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023—Motion was Mike C. to approve as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> David—Motion carried unanimously
3. There was no adjustment to the agenda
4. Bill told us that he and Mike were the Keynote speakers for the annual Science Event at Schoodic Institute. He told us that Manomet is working on Shore Access, they are employing some of the same strategy that is currently using. He also told us the Rick and Elizabeth on West Bay are working with him and Bob De Forrest who is from Maine Coast Heritage Trust to set up an access policy for the Town enter into with them.
5. Pauline was not there as she is on a cruise aboard the Q M 2
6. Heidi reminded everyone about the Regional Meeting in Machias on November 20<sup>th</sup>, more details to follow. DMR has hired a new area biologist in the mid coast area, named Jay Turner. He will be doing mostly permit work. There is work being done on how to dispose of green crabs that municipalities capture.
7. Mike told us that the clams in the lab are too small to go into the mud this year. He is working on a place to overwinter them. Bill has purchased a flow meter that will be installed in the spring. We will test it this fall to get a flow rate that we are currently pumping to compare with data from last year.
8. Mike informed us that all the licenses were purchased for this year. He also told that conservation time next year will be done a little differently. He would like everyone to have their time before the license allotment is sent into DMR
9. Mike told us that DMR is requiring us to submit a template of the work that we do under our Municipal Ordinance. Mike sent Heidi a draft, she reviewed and had the following comments: She thought it was inclusive of all things that we do. The only thing she needed was to have items listed under a category. She would like to use ours as an example of what could be done.
10. Mike read letter from Rachel Freer, a Dartmouth Student. She is doing her thesis on, The degree of success Municipal Shellfish Committee involvement has had in re-enforcing the motivation of shellfish harvesters to get involved in the stewardship of the marine habitat and resources. Mike handed out a 14 question survey and asked if each

harvester will fill it out and bring it to the next meeting. Know one is required to fill out out.

11. The next Meeting will be November 8, 2023
12. Motion to adjourn was made by David, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne—Passed unanimously

Submitted by Shellfish Warden  
Michael A. Pinkham