

Gouldsboro Shellfish Meeting Agenda for October 14, 2026

1. Call meeting to Order
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2026
3. Adjustments to the Agenda
4. Update from Pauline
5. Update from Bill
6. Update from Heidi
7. Lab
8. New Shore Access
9. November 1st
10. Triploid clams
11. ? Next Scheduled Meeting November 11, 2026 Holiday ?
12. Motion to Adjourn

Gouldsboro Shellfish Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2026

Committee Members Present: David Deniger, Alan Church, Jon Renwick and Wayne Bishko

1. Call meeting to Order, Wayne called meeting to Order at 1808 hours
2. Approval of meeting minutes from September 9, 2026—Jon made the motion to approve as written, 2nd Alan—Motion passed unanimously
3. Adjustments to the agenda—none
4. Update from Pauline- not in Attendance
5. Update from Bill-not in Attendance
6. Update from Heidi- She explained to us about the *Karenia mikimotoi* alge bloom that took place in Casco Bay area, It is a natural occurring alge that doesn't harm people but it kills clams, worms and fish. They starve from lack of oxygen. There were millions of cells in a liter of water. There was a bloom in Southern Maine in 2017-18. It got as close to us this year as Stonnington, they had only 8 cells in a liter of water, that is not enough to cause a problem.
She told us about the clam die off in the Gonk which is cove north of John Small Cove, which is a productive cove in Gouldsboro. The die off was concentrated in the middle of the cove. They walked up toward the head of the cove the clams were ok up there. There was no indication what caused the clams to die off. They took a water sample there wasn't any issue with the water.
She also told us that she is seeing few green crabs in Frenchman Bay.
7. Mike told us that he and Bill are trying to set up a meeting, hopefully so they can report out at the next meeting and have a tentative date to start working on setting it up.
8. Mike told us that he secured an access point to the Hog Island Area. He is going to meet with the land owner in November, he is going to show him the path to the shore, he will mark the with flagging tape.
9. Mike told us that Hog Island opens on November 1st, also 2 hours before sunrise and 2 hours after sunset starts than. Sunday digging starts as well.
10. Mike told us that Downeast Institute, had an group from Mass, developed a triploid clam. A triploid clam will not spawn. They are in hopes that they will grow faster. There was a lot of discussion of whether that was a good thing for wild harvest or

not. Are they being developed to be used by aquaculture, if so that is a bad thing as the price of clams is already poor. Mike told us that the price he got for clams in approximately 1975 was 65 cents per pound, 51 years later it has been as low as a \$1.70.

11. Mike asked if there was any problem, having the November Meeting on the scheduled date as it is a Holiday. It was decided to have the meeting on that date, which is November 11th at 5 PM

12. Motion to Adjourn was made by Alan, 2nd Wayne—motion passed unanimously

Submitted by Shellfish Warden
Michael A. Pinkham