

CT Seafood Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Bureau of Aquaculture, Milford

Attendance: Barbara Gordon, David Carey, Tessa Getchis, Bill Clayton

Absent: Nancy Balcom, Donald Bell, D.J. King, Chad Simoneaux, Lawrence Williams, Paul Formica, David Simpson, Mike Theiler, Michael Fraenza.

The meeting was called to order at 2:25 p.m.

Bureau Director David Carey reported that Kristin DeRosia-Banick of the bureau staff will be a presenter at the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference (ISSC) Convention in October. Kristin authored an ISSC grant proposal resulting in \$25,000.00 of funding for a Vibrio temperature abuse/rapid cooling processing study.

David Carey, Regulator Representative for Region 2 (NY, CT, and NJ) and bureau staff, Alissa Dragan will attend the ISSC convention. ISSC is the body of state regulators, FDA, and harvesters which modify the federal policy on interstate shellfish commerce. Kristin DeRosia-Banick has been named to Task Force II which will meet at the ISSC convention.

Much of the meeting was devoted to eel farming discussion. Bill Clayton has been an entrepreneur in this field, sending product to Hong Kong and well as U.S. markets.

Discussion took place regarding future plans of the council.

The Executive Director has reached out to Senator Richard Blumenthal regarding a meeting with fishermen to discuss the ongoing issue of catch units which cause multiple pounds of fish to be thrown back into the ocean. Recent editorials and comments have decried this practice, as the fish die and are no longer a food option. Executive Director visited the Stonington Dock in September to discuss this problem.

No further business. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Gordon  
Executive Director