



TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
SHELLFISH COMMITTEE MINUTES
Friday September 22, 2023 - remote

Present: Chair Mark Landers, Vice-chair Fred Huss, Lisa Leonard, and Dan Martino

Also Present: Donovan McElligatt

4:17 PM Chair Mark Landers opened the meeting

Public Announcements - None

Department Head Report:

Constable McElligatt advised the members that they did bay scallop survey in Sengekontacket on Wednesday, September 20th and they found most near the Big Bridge and less and less as they moved towards Little Bridge. He said that Section 4 had the most scallops but 71% was large seed which could be due to the warmer water temperature and rainy weather. He proposed keeping the same limits and monitoring the area as well as do another survey when the majority of adults are gone. He does not want to stress out the seed as many look ready to spawn naturally. He proposed opening Sengekontacket on October 23rd for recreational and October 30th for commercial.

Chair Mark Landers proposed the following:

Sengekontacket:	Recreational – Saturday, October 21 Commercial – Monday, October 30
Outside waters:	Commercial – Monday, October 30
Lagoon Pond:	Recreational – Saturday, November 4 Commercial – Monday, November 6
Harbor:	Recreational – Saturday, December 9 Commercial – Monday, December 11

Constable McElligatt said that Harbor opening would depend on water test. Members confirmed that the limits inside the ponds would remain at one (1) heaping bushel per week for recreational and three (3) heaping bushels per day for commercial and five (5) struck bushels for outside waters.

Chairman Landers made a motion to recommend to the Select Board the above dates and limits. Seconded by Member Leonard.

Roll Call Vote: Landers – Aye, Huss – Aye, Martino – Aye, Leonard – Aye **(4 – Aye)**

4:28 pm Adjourn *Chair Landers made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Member Leonard.*

Roll Call Vote: Huss – Aye, Landers – Aye, Leonard – Aye, Martino – Aye **(4 – Aye)**