

DELAWARE BAY SECTION OF THE NEW JERSEY SHELLFISHERIES COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

6:00 P.M.

Meeting will be held at the Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory, 6959 Miller Ave, Bivalve, NJ 08349

Attend in-person or online via Microsoft TEAMS (link below).

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Council: Chairman: Warren Hollinger (Cumberland County)  
Vice Chairman: Steven Fleetwood (Cumberland County)  
Councilman: Richard Malinowski (Salem County)  
Councilman: Scott Sheppard (Cumberland County)  
Councilman: Vacant (Cape May/Salem County)

State/Fed Reps: Russ Babb, Bureau of Marine Habitat & Shellfisheries  
Craig Tomlin, Bureau of Marine Habitat & Shellfisheries  
Alissa Wilson, Bureau of Marine Habitat & Shellfisheries  
Michael Lindner, Bureau of Marine Habitat & Shellfisheries

Haskin Lab: David Bushek, Director

General Public

*In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1B-30 et. seq), a notice of this meeting was posted January 02, 2025 with the Secretary of State's Office, State House, Trenton, NJ and sent to the NJ Advanced Media news outlets. This meeting will be recorded.*

1. Annual Election of Council Chairman and Vice Chairman – Council
2. Review of minutes: September and November 2024 – B. Hollinger
3. Delaware Bay Office Revenue Collected – B. Hollinger

3.1. Revenue Collected for November 2024: \$24,088.50

License Type	Total	License Type	Total
Lease Fees	\$10,440.50	Possession in Excess	\$400.00
Assigned Fees	\$6,200.00	Tonging Tags*	*\$400.00
Nets	\$2,033.00	Menhaden	\$310.00
AC & DB Dredge	\$1,900.00	Dealer License	\$100.00
Commercial Crab Pot	\$1,400.00	Application Fees	\$95.00
Commercial Shellfish	\$800.00	Recreational Shellfish	\$10.00

\*Revenue towards Oyster Resource Development Account

3.2. Revenue Collected for December 2024: Numbers provided at meeting

4. Oyster Resource Development Account (*as of 12/02/2024*) – B. Hollinger

\*updated numbers provided at meeting

Encumbered: \$0.00  
Expended: \$56,541.24  
Uncommitted: \$147,727.15

5. Lease Ground Transactions

5.1. Transfer from Glen D. Robbins to Michael Hickman

Section	Lot	Acres	Application Fee
A	109	42	\$5.00
A	140	39	\$1.00

5.2. Lease Ground Applications for Consideration

Applicant	Section	Lot	Acreage	Acreage Fee	Application Fee
Joseph Moro	ADZ-4	"14"	3	\$300.00	\$2,000.00
Jason Bowne	ADZ-2	4	10	\$100.00	\$250.00

6. Old Business

6.1. 2025 Lease Renewals – Council

6.2. Red Knot Stakeholder Committee Update – B. Hollinger

6.3. 27<sup>th</sup> Stock Assessment Workshop 2025 – B. Hollinger

6.4. 2024 Direct Market Update – C. Tomlin

2024 Harvest Summary - by Reef, Region, and Totals						
Bed	Region	Days	Bushels	% Region	% Total	CPUE
Cohansey	MMM	20	2,053	12.8%	3.1%	97.67
Ship John	MMM	137	13,931	87.2%	21.0%	102.52
Shell Rock	SR	112	17,862	100.0%	26.9%	159.17
Bennies Sand	HMM	42	8,310	25.5%	12.5%	192.12
Bennies	HMM	107	17,414	53.4%	26.2%	162.05
Nantuxent	HMM	53	6,901	21.2%	10.4%	127.80
Total MMM		156	15,984		24.0%	101.87
Total SR		113	17,862		26.9%	159.17
Total HMM		206	32,625		49.1%	158.56
TOTAL		475	66,471			140.08

6.5. Dermo Update – D. Bushek

6.6. Oyster Tonging Fishery Update – C. Tomlin

2024 – 2025 Oyster Tonging Harvest Summary	
Month	Bushels
November 2024	105

December 2024	81
<b>Total</b>	<b>186</b>

- 6.7. Regulatory Committee Update – B. Hollinger
- 6.8. Re-cap of December 17<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting – B. Hollinger
- 6.9. Vessel Tracking Device Update – A. Wilson

7. New Business

8. Public Comment

9. Meeting Schedule – B. Hollinger

Date, time, and place of next meeting:

DATE: March 4, 2025

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory and MS Teams

10. Adjournment – Council