

**FRENCHMAN BAY REGIONAL SHELLFISH COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020**  
**Minutes, Discussion Points and Actions**

**INTRODUCTION**

- Joe Porada gave brief outline of discussion to follow

**Warden Report  
and Discussion of increasing enforcement hours**

- Mike talked about enforcement interactions. He said we need more enforcement hours. ALL in attendance and all harvester comments ongoing agree. It has been pointed out, on several occasions, the harvesters are the capital supplying entity.

**Bob Alvarez:** Lamoine ideas, specifically following Raccoon Cove and possible moratorium of mussel dragging there and related. Possible closing when we open the areas we have closed now until next year.

-Consensus is Raccoon Cove be closed, beginning at the beginning of the next licensing cycle, to allow only "winter" digging Dec 1 – January 30. Also, Mussel dragging moratorium of at least 2 years, **HAND AND RAKE HARVESTING ALLOWED** for Raccoon Cove, Mile Long Mussel Bed and Old Man Young Woman Mussel Bed, So-called

**Chris Richards:** Tink's and Dwelley June - July opening only.

-YES Begin next licensing cycle.

**Dana Smith:** thoughts on ideas for more active management in the Taunton River. Dana had suggested there was interest in closing much of the Taunton Nov 1 - April 30.

- Tabled until October meeting. Dana not present.

General consensus of attendees is open Ryder/Egypt Bay using a line from the tip S most tip of Bulter Point to the Northern most tip of the point east of Settlers Landing

**4" upper size limit on Soft Shell Clams, General Discussion**

-Yes, beginning next license cycle.

**Reinstating Clam committee prerogative** regarding shellfish management to what it was prior to the ordinance change.

- All in attendance agree.

-Comments by harvesters included: We harvesters are the main funders and primary initiators of the program.... Those guys (MJB) aren't the ones with their faces a foot and a half from the mud every day..... Where's Dick?

-Recommend joint meeting asap

-Establish regular MJB meetings to follow regular FBRSC meetings

FBRSC powers to make quick decisions regarding shellfish management on openings closures; adding appropriate language and ability to The Ordinance.

We agreed to work on language to this effect. May include a quick consensus of the FBRSC, followed by a review within 30 days by an advertised meeting. MJB may meet to discuss and vote after 30 days

**Shore Access Abuse:** There has also been some discussion of some way to reprimand anyone that loses us access to the shore, be it through misusing and or confronting landowners, litter, discarded needles or gross or belligerent conduct while using and owner lands and shore access, etc.

Suggested and planned: In areas we lost access to, we will be approaching property owners to suggest "Access By Permission Only". That would be written permission ONLY. Our program would supply posters and copies of owner/harvester agreement to be signed by both parties. Agreement to stipulate expected behavior and conditions. Failure to follow behavior and conditions stipulated shall result in loss of said individual permission by owner and may result in loss of program license.