

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 25, 2023

Members Present:

Hatch, Rapp, Leighton

Others Present:

Jan Carpenter

Harold Shaw

Bailey Bowden

Bryce Farnham

Business:

Meeting commenced @ 7:02 PM.

Jan came in to get some clarification regarding some of the transfer station (TS) specifics in order to update the town's website. The existing webpage for the TS has some very outdated information. She will compile the updated details and post them on the website.

Bailey presented a letter from Maine DMR Commissioner Keliher (attached), announcing the town's reduced alewife harvest quota of 22 bushels, down from 65 bushels last year. In addition, the letter prescribed that no post spawn river herring could be harvested, only incoming fish. There was no explanation of the rationale behind the reduced quota or harvest methodology. Rapp will draft a letter in response requesting an explanation.

Harold came in to present his thoughts on the town's investment with The First. Harold was provided a copy of the 1st quarter report last week to review. Overall, his take on the investment strategy is positive and that it is a conservative position given the current market.

Bryce came in to discuss compensation for the CFO and LPI positions. She expressed her preference to model her compensation along the same line as what Don Baker's arrangement was; stipend, mileage, minimum wage for office hours, rather than the \$45/hour that Blue Hill & Brooklin are paying her.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.



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COMMISSIONER

April 1, 2023

Board of Selectmen
Town of Penobscot
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Board of Selectmen:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of the Town of Penobscot's town Warrant Article to retain its exclusive river herring harvest rights and to advise you of the status of your river herring fishing rights for the 2023 calendar year. The municipal waters of Wight's Pond in the Town of Penobscot are open under a conditional harvest permit allowing a commercial harvest of up to 22 bushel of river herring in 2023. Harvest of post-spawn river herring is not permitted for the waters of Wight's Pond.

The Department approves the Town's request to open Wight's Pond to the harvest of river herring under the conditional approval by the ASMFC River Herring Management Board for a limited commercial river herring fishery while the run is under restoration. The control rules, assessment criteria and terms for the fishery for the 2023 season are contained within the document providing this conditional approval and was shared with the town prior to the 2020 fishing season. The town's is required to sample river herring at Wight's Pond in 2023 including counts during the harvest and non-harvest days and collecting scale samples during the harvest and non-harvest periods.

The commercial fishery at Mill Creek and Pierce's Pond remains closed. The limited recreational river herring fishery is approved for Mill Creek below the bridge/culvert on Mill Creek Road.

If you have any questions or concerns about the alewife resources or management, please contact Michael Brown of this agency at 624-6341.

Sincerely,

Patrick Keliher
Commissioner

cc Division II Marine Patrol
Michael Brown, DMR
Francis Brautigam, IF&W