

Atlantic Coast Section of the NJ Shellfisheries Council

Leasing Committee Agenda

February 8, 2021

2021 SFC Leasing Committee Membership: Mr. John Maxwell[^], Mr. Walter Johnson III[^], Mr. William Avery, Mr. Raymond Crema, Mr. Ned Gaine, Mr. Steven Mastro, Sr, Mr. George Mathis Jr[^], Mr. Peter McCarthy, Mr. Dale Parsons Jr, Mr. Joseph Rizzo, Mr. **Paul Felder[^]**, Mr. Matt Gregg, Mr. Thomas Glenn
[^]*Shellfisheries Council member*

1. Leasing Committee and Subcommittee restructuring
 - a. New members
 - b. Charge - Leasing Committee vs the Policy Subcommittee and Regulatory Subcommittee

2. Discussion on utilizing areas in Barnegat Light for overwintering

3. Permission to work allowance - recommendation to the Council to send to regulatory agencies:
 - a. "The Atlantic Coast Leasing Committee recommends that the lessee or agent of the LLC should hold all applicable permit authorizations for regulated activities on a lease."

4. Need for lease expansion response statement:
 - a. The language within the *Shellfish Aquaculture Leasing Policy of the Atlantic Coast Section of the New Jersey Shellfisheries Council* satisfies the need for lease expansion. Further, the process for proposed lease expansion specific to each lease area is defined under Council Action. No additional action is deemed necessary by the Committee.

5. Staff log for new lease application requests

6. Presentation of data on fee restructuring

7. Condensed Prioritization Table and Status Summary based on March 2020 ACLC discussion:

Task	Timeline / Completion	Priority	Status / Official Response
Convene monthly ACLC meetings	Discussed at March 4, 2020 Leasing Committee Meeting	High	The Leasing Committee recommended monthly meetings held 3-4 hours after mean low water.
Lease utilization Lease allocation methods Transferability of Leases Lease Renewal Criteria	Spring 2021	High	Discuss at upcoming Leasing Committee meetings Schedule to be determined
Permission to Work Allowance	Subject discussed at March 4 Leasing Committee Meeting/ LC to vote at Feb 2021 meeting	High	BSF Task: Bureau staff will present potential permission to work language to the Leasing Committee. If acceptable by LC and Council, would add to the Leasing Policy. The Leasing Committee recommends that the lessee or agent of the LLC should hold all applicable permit authorizations for regulated activities on a lease (rather than a person working under a permission to work).
Annual lease fee structure review; impacts from 2016 changes	February 2021	Med	Bureau staff will present data on impacts of 2016 fee restructuring as well as other leasing demographic information

Lease Agreement Language Update	Summer/Fall 2021	Med	Bureau will provide Leasing Committee with updated Lease Agreements for review. Been advised by legal that the current lease agreements are woefully out of date.
Review/develop revisions to leasing regulations (N.J.A.C. 7:25-24)	Fall 2021	Med	Tabled until fall 2021 due to delay from COVID-19. Leasing Committee will review regulatory revisions document when available. It was also discussed at the March 2020 meeting to merge the discussions on structural aquaculture vs. traditional aquaculture with the regulations discussion. The Leasing Committee believes that the language within the <i>Shellfish Aquaculture Leasing Policy of the Atlantic Coast Section</i> addressed this topic.
Need for lease expansion (general discussion)	Discussed at March 4 Leasing Committee Meeting/ LC to vote at Feb 2021 meeting	Low	BSF Task: Develop an official proposal form for the public to submit to the Bureau when inquiring about lease areas to identify and track areas of interest for lease expansion. See 'staff log' agenda item Committee Response Statement: The language within the <i>Shellfish Aquaculture Leasing Policy of the Atlantic Coast Section of the New Jersey Shellfisheries Council</i> satisfies the need for lease expansion. Further, the process for proposed lease expansion specific to each lease area is defined under Council Action. No additional action is deemed necessary by the Committee.

Atlantic Coast Leasing Committee Meeting
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