

**CT Seafood Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 27, 2016, 2:30 p.m.**  
**Bureau of Aquaculture, Milford**

**Present:** David Carey, Barbara Gordon, Lawrence Williams, Chad Simoneaux.

**Absent:** Tessa Getchis, Donald Bell, Mike Theiler, Bill Clayton, Nancy Balcom, David Simpson, Paul Formica, D.J. King, Michael Fraenza.

The meeting was called to order at 2:50 p.m. by Co-chair, Lawrence Williams.

**Co-chair's Report-Lawrence Williams:**

Chair remains very interested in industry, despite having relinquished his day to day fishing activity.

**Bureau Director -David Carey:**

- Discussion regarding regulations and fees. Chad Simoneaux commented that people like 3 inch oysters, which are really the best, but that smaller oysters (petites) are also popular.
- Further discussion re: healthy harvest of oysters and Housatonic River seed to Bridgeport beds.
- Bureau is down by 2 staff members which impacts ability to collect samples.

**Executive Director's Report – Barbara Gordon:**

- Attended Shellfish Initiative event held in Groton. Kudos to council member Tessa Getchis for putting the event together and working on magazine.
- Conversations with Congressman Joe Courtney and Office of Senator Blumenthal regarding the dire situation on Stonington Dock re: catch limits. Connecticut delegation trying to work with other states to improve Connecticut's numbers.

**Bureau Director - David Carey:**

- No legislation at this time.
- Discussion regarding legislative change on size of dredges used on natural beds. The weight of dredges is equally as important as the operation of dredges.
- 2017 meetings will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every other month beginning in January.

No further business. The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Barbara Gordon  
Executive Director