

Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission

Date: December 10, 2014

To: Town of East Lyme

From: J. Patrick Kelly, Vice Chairman and Treasurer



RE: Budget request for year 2015-2016

The Waterford - East Lyme Shellfish Commission (WELSCO) requests an appropriation grand for the Budget year of 2015-2016 in the amount of \$2500 from the town of East Lyme. Without a Scallop Season in 2013-14 and 2014-15 unfunded compliance pressure from DA/BA, FDA, and EPA Regulators we are forecasting continue losses. All three Shellfish Commissions will be seeking grants to offset some increased expenses. Our intensified water sampling, meat samples, and now having to courier our samples has increased our Wardens workload tremendously. The Waterford grant request includes an amount of \$3000 to fund the Niantic River Sewage Pump-Out Boat. East Lyme's half of the appropriation is in the East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission Budget!

Enclosed is a copy of our Commission financials for several fiscal years, the current Year to Date (YTD) and our Budget for 2015-2016.

The Commission employs an ever changing number of part time employees, a Chief Warden (~400 hours yr), one Warden (~350 hrs yr), and Clerk/Secretary/Accountant (~175 hrs). Our total projected Compensation Budget for the coming year is \$12,000 since we had no Scallop Season in 2014-15 because the low population again. Our Commission's Wardens are also enforcement patrolling, taking water & meat samples, and now transporting them to DA/BA Milford Lab for the East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission and the Waterford Shellfish Commission. Historically a DA/BA staffer was doing this for Eastern CT! This has caused major problems for all Eastern Shellfish Commissions.

WELSCO serves all residents of Waterford and East Lyme by fulfilling the federal and state compliance with the National Sanitary Shellfish Regulations. The federal and state laws require patrolling even if the waters are not open to shellfishing, wardens take water & meat samples, and patrol to enforce the Shellfish Sanitary Regulations under State and Federal Law. Wardens now have the additional workload of transporting samples to DA/BA Milford that is a logistical problems with different tides of each Commission and

DA/BA Lab limited access. The Clamming permit sales reflect that the clam stock continues to be healthy and maintains a population that can be renewable for an annual harvest. The 2012-13 Scallop season was the best in years; yet there has not been another open season since. Although the commission purchased 25,000 almost adult scallop in the spring of 2013; there was no Scallop Season because of lack of stock. There are several possible reasons for reduced stock. First theory is that the multiple heavy rain events have killed stock because of volume of fresh water entering the River. Justification for our funding is that if the Commission did not exist the local police departments would be required by Federal and State law to patrol or the State would have DEEP(former DEP) Wardens patrol with court ordered charges going to the towns for their time and equipment.

The State of Connecticut has worked to declare the shore line from Stonington to Guilford a no-discharge area for boats. The funding of the Niantic River Pump-Out Boat is to help minimize the amount of untreated discharges into the river in compliance with Federal and State regulations. East Lyme's portion of this funding is in the East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission Budget.

Our revenue funding is primary from permit sales, grants from the towns of Waterford and East Lyme, and reimbursements from the Waterford Shellfish Commission & East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for our Wardens activities. The amounts and sources of funding are reflected on financial spreadsheet. The Commission has an office at the Waterford sewer pump station (PU Office) at the State Boat Launch. Ledge Light Health District and Health Directors of both towns work with the Commission to fulfill the federal and state compliance. The Commissions have cooperatively funded a USGS rainfall and air temp gauge that is at the DOT depot in East Lyme and monitored by email alerts to the Commissions & Ledge Light Sanitarians, who in turn alert Wardens, and Officials of a triggered one inch or subsequent 3 inch rainfall closure or reopening per our State DA/BA MOU. The annual cost of this gauge is \$3500 and half is included in the Waterford & East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission Shellfish budgets. The EL dispatch center maintains the Public Information Phone system for WELSCO and ELHM/Shellfish to inform the public to open and closed status. The appointed WELSCO commissioners, four from each town, contribute significant time and personal resources to the operations. Several private companies and government organizations have helped the Commission with assistance or shellfish stock. The Commissions has funded a much more economical automated rain gauge that is being tested to replace the expensive USGS unit. The unit is located at East Lyme Dispatch. DA/BA, LLH, and the three Commissions will need to approve the unit.

WELSCO has two cooperative programs with Jim Marco and R&B Inc. Marco is growing oysters on the north side of sandbar in Niantic River with a % of stock that will be shared with Commissions. R&B has been dredging clams from the closed areas of Niantic River

and depurating them in Long Island Sound with a % of certified clean stock coming back to River for Recreation harvesting. Both of them have been absent for 2014 thus far.

The Scallop population on the Niantic River crashed in the late 1990's. Limited Scallop seasons and very small numbers of permit sales were the norm until 2012-13 season that was phenomenal. In 2013-14 and 2014-15 there is no Scallop Season because of sparse stock. Each year the Commission has been given or purchased Scallop seed that was spread in the river but has not made a material difference. The volume rain fall events, faltering marine environment, over use & development, predators, sparse essential eelgrass, and lack of restoration resources prevent an enduring Scallop recovery. It is ironic that the symbol of the Niantic River and Town of East Lyme is the Scallop; that is almost nonexistent at times.

The Commission has one patrol boat, a 19-foot center console Carolina skiff. This boat was purchased in 2003 after our prior patrol boat sank at dockside in a winter snow storm because of pump failure, icing, and heavy winds. The Boat was purchased with insurance payment, proceeds from sale of sunken boat, and sale of a 14 foot skiff. In late 2010 the Commission purchased a new outboard motor for our patrol boat because of the frequency & cost of continued maintenance on old motor. The Commission Boat is the only one available in winter months since police and fire units for East Lyme and Waterford are taken out of water for the cold months of year. Emergency services of both towns, the State, & Federal Agencies have used our boat for emergency response or search & rescue. Contractors on the Amtrak railroad bridge have sporadically used our boat & a Warden for inspectors.

Sincerely,
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WATERFORD EAST LYME SHELLFISH COMMISSION
2015-2016 BUDGET REQUEST

Income & Expense	2015-2016		2013-2014		2012-2013		2011-2012		2010-2011		2009-2010		2008-2009		2007-2008		2006-2007		2004-2005		2003-2004	
	Budget	Actual																				
Sale of Permits	\$ 15,000	\$ 13,572	\$ 19,128	\$ 14,656	\$ 14,455	\$ 6,274	\$ 14,455	\$ 6,274	\$ 14,455	\$ 6,274	\$ 14,455	\$ 16,794	\$ 14,879	\$ 16,794	\$ 16,794	\$ 16,794	\$ 16,794	\$ 16,794	\$ 16,794	\$ 16,419	\$ 16,419	\$ 12,326
Town of East Lyme (Grant Subsidy)	\$ 2,500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Town of Waterford (Grant Subsidy)	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 9,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
East Lyme Permit Sales payout																						
Waterford Shellfish Reimbursement	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,687	\$ 901	\$ 2,013	\$ 1,075	\$ 266	\$ 1,075	\$ 266	\$ 1,075	\$ 266	\$ 349	\$ 164	\$ 164	\$ 349	\$ 349	\$ 349	\$ 349	\$ 349	\$ 4,637	\$ 4,637	\$ 5,887	
East Lyme Shellfish Reimbursement	\$ 1,750	\$ 2,219	\$ 918	\$ 2,188	\$ 1,650	\$ -	\$ 1,650	\$ -	\$ 1,650	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 2,296	\$ 2,296	\$ 2,296	\$ 2,296	\$ 2,296	\$ 5,444	\$ 5,444	\$ 8,350	
Waterford Shellfish USGS Rain Gauge	\$ 1,750	\$ -	\$ 1,750																			
East Lyme Shellfish USGS Rain Gauge	\$ 1,750	\$ -	\$ 1,750																			
Other Income	\$ 150	\$ 120	\$ 200	\$ 394	\$ 806	\$ 596	\$ 806	\$ 596	\$ 806	\$ 596	\$ 755	\$ 501	\$ 1,745	\$ 755	\$ 755	\$ 755	\$ 755	\$ 755	\$ 335	\$ 335	\$ 264	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 32,650	\$ 23,098	\$ 27,647	\$ 22,171	\$ 20,916	\$ 12,576	\$ 20,916	\$ 12,576	\$ 20,916	\$ 12,576	\$ 34,194	\$ 24,620	\$ 24,620	\$ 34,194	\$ 34,194	\$ 34,194	\$ 34,194	\$ 34,194	\$ 38,335	\$ 38,335	\$ 38,327	

Expenses	2015-2016		2013-2014		2012-2013		2011-2012		2010-2011		2009-2010		2008-2009		2007-2008		2006-2007		2004-2005		2003-2004	
	\$ amount	Actual	\$ amount	Actual	\$ amount	Actual	\$ amount	Actual	\$ amount	Actual	\$ amount	Actual	\$ amount	Actual	\$ amount	Actual	\$ amount	Actual	\$ amount	Actual	\$ amount	Actual
Compensation & payroll taxes	\$ 12,000	\$ 9,168	\$ 14,947	\$ 13,737	\$ 11,047	\$ 3,007	\$ 11,047	\$ 3,007	\$ 11,047	\$ 3,007	\$ 10,245	\$ 5,625	\$ 5,625	\$ 10,245	\$ 10,245	\$ 10,245	\$ 10,245	\$ 10,245	\$ 16,585	\$ 16,585	\$ 20,013	
Insurances	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,851	\$ 2,088	\$ 1,484	\$ 1,919	\$ 506	\$ 1,919	\$ 506	\$ 1,919	\$ 506	\$ 1,842	\$ 1,385	\$ 1,385	\$ 1,842	\$ 1,842	\$ 1,842	\$ 1,842	\$ 1,842	\$ 1,891	\$ 1,891	\$ 1,861	
Printing Permits & advertising	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ 792	\$ 771	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Shellfish Propagation	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 3,400	\$ 83	\$ -	\$ 1,772	\$ -	\$ 1,772	\$ -	\$ 1,772	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Telephone	\$ 750	\$ 404	\$ 735	\$ 787	\$ 822	\$ 389	\$ 822	\$ 389	\$ 822	\$ 389	\$ 717	\$ 807	\$ 807	\$ 717	\$ 717	\$ 717	\$ 717	\$ 717	\$ 703	\$ 703	\$ 1,118	
Utilities	\$ 750	\$ 687	\$ 750	\$ 521	\$ 687	\$ 170	\$ 687	\$ 170	\$ 687	\$ 170	\$ 545	\$ 724	\$ 724	\$ 545	\$ 545	\$ 545	\$ 545	\$ 545	\$ 423	\$ 423	\$ 609	
Travel & Mileage	\$ 250	\$ 8	\$ 62	\$ 282	\$ 206	\$ -	\$ 206	\$ -	\$ 206	\$ -	\$ 409	\$ 830	\$ 830	\$ 409	\$ 409	\$ 409	\$ 409	\$ 409	\$ 844	\$ 844	\$ 380	
Gas & Oil	\$ 1,800	\$ 880	\$ 1,610	\$ 1,526	\$ 1,499	\$ 215	\$ 1,499	\$ 215	\$ 1,499	\$ 215	\$ 706	\$ 924	\$ 924	\$ 706	\$ 706	\$ 706	\$ 706	\$ 706	\$ 143	\$ 143	\$ 249	
Uniforms	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 224	\$ -	\$ 1,358	\$ -	\$ 1,358	\$ -	\$ 1,358	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 232	\$ 232	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Equipment & Maintenance	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,602	\$ 3,946	\$ 1,069	\$ 348	\$ -	\$ 348	\$ -	\$ 348	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,344	\$ 1,344	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 765	\$ 765	\$ 1,299	
Equipment Depreciation	\$ 911	\$ 911	\$ 911	\$ 911	\$ 911	\$ 911	\$ 911	\$ 911	\$ 911	\$ 911	\$ 911	\$ 911	\$ 911	\$ 911	\$ 911	\$ 911	\$ 911	\$ 911	\$ 911	\$ 911	\$ 911	
Supplies & Postage	\$ 200	\$ 199	\$ 193	\$ 1,254	\$ 78	\$ 80	\$ 78	\$ 80	\$ 78	\$ 80	\$ 87	\$ 231	\$ 231	\$ 87	\$ 87	\$ 87	\$ 87	\$ 87	\$ 52	\$ 52	\$ 112	
Bank Charges		\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14
CPA	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,100	\$ 1,900	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,600	
Niantic Pump Out Boat	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
USGS Rain Gauge	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,750																			
Misc.	\$ 500	\$ 40	\$ 429	\$ 229	\$ 524	\$ 131	\$ 524	\$ 131	\$ 524	\$ 131	\$ 719	\$ 207	\$ 207	\$ 719	\$ 719	\$ 719	\$ 719	\$ 719	\$ 415	\$ 415	\$ 309	
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 33,711	\$ 24,251	\$ 38,587	\$ 27,404	\$ 24,120	\$ 11,781	\$ 24,120	\$ 11,781	\$ 24,120	\$ 11,781	\$ 21,386	\$ 16,890	\$ 16,890	\$ 21,386	\$ 21,386	\$ 21,386	\$ 21,386	\$ 21,386	\$ 24,432	\$ 24,432	\$ 28,681	
NET INCOME	\$ (1,061)	\$ (1,153)	\$ (10,940)	\$ (5,233)	\$ (3,205)	\$ 795	\$ (3,205)	\$ 795	\$ (3,205)	\$ 795	\$ 12,808	\$ 7,730	\$ 7,730	\$ 12,808	\$ 12,808	\$ 12,808	\$ 12,808	\$ 12,808	\$ 13,903	\$ 13,903	\$ 9,646	

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Profit & Loss

October 2014

	Oct 14	Jul - Oct 14
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
East Lyme Shellfish- reimburse	\$ 43.75	\$ 1,881.25
Interest income	\$ 9.37	\$ 36.53
Sales Permits	\$ 3,424.50	\$ 8,427.10
Town of East Lyme-Grant	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Town of Waterford - Grant	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Waterford Shellfish - reimburse	\$ 362.50	\$ 3,068.75
Total Income	\$ 3,840.12	\$ 18,913.63
Expense		
Boat Fuel & oil	\$ -	\$ 378.36
Boat Supplies	\$ -	\$ 19.50
Contracts	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00
Insurance	\$ -	\$ 968.50
Program funding	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Salaries- Administration	\$ 74.32	\$ 291.84
Salaries-Wardens	\$ 597.96	\$ 2,511.30
Taxes		
Payroll (941 & CT WH)	\$ 298.44	\$ 826.29
State Unemployment	\$ -	\$ 36.92
Total Taxes	\$ 298.44	\$ 863.21
Telephone	\$ 33.97	\$ 135.61
Travel & mileage	\$ 93.52	\$ 195.35
Utilities	\$ 38.50	\$ 166.03
Total Expense	\$ 1,136.71	\$ 12,029.70
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 2,703.41	\$ 6,883.93
Net Income	\$ 2,703.41	\$ 6,883.93