

Shellfishers support pier and dock ban

A plan to ban new pier construction in recreational shellfishing areas across Barnstable has the unanimous support of the Barnstable Shellfish Committee.

At Wednesday night's meeting, the committee lent its support to Cotuit town councilor Rick Barry's proposal.

The proposal, which has yet to be presented to the council, calls for a ban on new piers in

all recreational shellfish areas and state-designated areas for shellfish relay deposits on both the north and south sides of Barnstable.

Barry was waiting until there a vote by the shellfish committee was made before formally bringing the item to the council. He has been working with the town's growth management office to work out the details and mapping.

Barry sponsored a similar and successful proposal for a portion of the Cotuit shoreline in 2001, which remains in effect.

The first opportunity to get the suggested ban on the council agenda for a first reading is the May 3 meeting, with a public hearing at a later date.

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