Alaska Mariculture Task Force  
*Thursday, May 23, 2019 @ 8:30am – 12:30pm AST*

**Updates (15 mins)**

A) **Legislation (state):**
1. **SB 22** – sponsors Stevens & Micciche; still in S-Finance & contains amendment requested by KRSA.
2. **HB 41** – sponsors Ortiz, Vance & Story; passed to S-Finance & joins companion SB 22; contains amendment regarding application fee.
3. **HB 116** – sponsors Story, Kreiss-Tomkins & Vance; passed to H-Rules & awaiting Floor vote.
4. **HB 76** – signed into law in 2018; ADCCED is promulgating regulations

B) **Grants:**
1. New RFPs issued:
2. Grants submitted: ARPA-E Phase 2; PSMFC mariculture pilot projects – OceansAlaska, MaricultureMap Version 2.0, others?; NSG – King crab enhancement economic feasibility study, Alaska Seaweed Market Assessment, others?; NFWF – MaricultureMap Version 2.0, Improvements to Mariculture Site Selection & Productivity, others?
3. Funding awarded: USDA RBDG – Spawning Mariculture in Southwest Alaska ($115,000); ADNR Specialty Block Grant – AK Seaweed Product Development and Market Assessment ($30,000); others.

C) **Communications:**
1. Past presentations: Wrangell High School - Fisheries of Alaska class presentation (5/13/2019); Fish 2.0 – Aquaculture, Seattle, April 30-May 1, 2019; ADNR presentation to Senate Finance Committee on March 28, 2019; others.
2. Future opportunities: North Pacific Fisheries Management Council; Mermaid Festival, Sitka, Aug. 31-Sept. 1; others.

D) **NOAA updates:**
   a. Job announcement – Alaska Regional Aquaculture Coordinator
   b. NOAA workshop – dates; ideas for agenda & attendees; steering committee
   c. NOAA promotional film about mariculture in Alaska