



Alaska Mariculture Task Force Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Mariculture Task Force members: Kate Sullivan, Eric Wyatt, Julie Decker, Mike Stekoll, Jeff Hetrick, Sam Rabung, Paula Cullenberg, Angel Drobnica

Members of the Public: Tomi Marsh,, Pam Harrington,,Dustin Clyman,,Hope Ricker,Abby with Shikat Bay Oysters.

Barbara Blake- Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Cynthia Pring-Ham- Department of Fish & Game

Micaela Fowler- Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Materials distributed to task force members included: Agenda for June 20 meeting; Meeting Minutes for June 1 meeting; Draft of Mariculture Press release; Draft of Mariculture Task Force Advisory Committees; Mariculture Task Force Draft Plan

9:02am Vice-Chair Julie Decker called the meeting to order as acting chair for this meeting

Agenda was reviewed and the following changes were made:

Julie Decker- Add a Communications agenda item under old business

June 1 meeting minutes were reviewed and the following changes were made

Mike: identify task force members in a different way than members of the public

Mike: he is University of Alaska not just UAA

Sam Rabung motioned to approve the minutes as amended

Mike Stekoll seconded the motion

No opposed

Public Comments:

Opened by chair Decker at 9:09am

No public comments

Old Business:

Discussion to the press release: Angel offered the idea that the press release should also include information that those interested in serving as advisory committee members should contact a certain person. Also what the task force is looking for in members.

Linda Mattson volunteered to be the first point of contact for those interested in being on the advisory committees for purposes of the press release. She will compile a spreadsheet and send to Barbara Blake.

Communication

Discussion regarding how to get information out to Task Force members, to advisory committees, and to the public. Ideas included adding a new page to F&G under their mariculture

section; creating a list of interested stakeholders housed at ADF&G, adding attachments to the online public notice system notices that the task force sends out; keeping a source of background documents on AFDF's website, or sending items in a dropbox format. State employees cannot access DropBox or G-drive, so those options were set aside.

For large working documents for now it would be good to just email task force members
Utilize the Online Public Notice system for communications with the public

New Business:

6A overview of comprehensive plan

Micaela Fowler led discussion of changes or feedback from task force members

This document is viewed as a working document but it will be tracked as a timeline

The advisory committees will also have an input in the comprehensive plan

Identify a mission statement

9:15 Discussion on advisory committees

Chair Decker read over the Draft Advisory committees draft and changed the word "changes" under Environmental Changes Advisory Committee to "information"

Chair Decker outlined two priorities for this portion

1. Finalize list of advisory committees
2. Identify task force members who will serve on committees
3. Describe each advisory committee and what is expected from each

Discussion of ideas on individuals or groups that should be identified to serve on the advisory committees

Discussion brought back to the advisory committees and work began to finalize the list. Sam suggested combining Research and Development needs and Environmental Info.

Paula suggested having a safety committee; decision was made to tuck it into other advisory committees.

Final List of Advisory Committees

1. Public & Private Investment and Infrastructure Advisory Committee
 - A. Chairs: Jeff and Angel; Tomi is interested in serving on this committee
 - B. Homework

Eric: look into potential investors who wanted to invest in the mariculture industry but didn't and the reasons why.

Micaela Fowler: coordinate with Angel and Jeff to discuss legislative options for the Mariculture revolving loan fund

- C. Other Discussion

What should be addressed in this advisory committee? Investment side should deal with the money and identifying potential funding resources and putting them to work for the mariculture industry. The infrastructure side should address needs of hatcheries

Under Infrastructure: If an individual/organization wants to develop infrastructure it needs to address what the needs are to do so

Paula suggested to do an overview of Public/ Private investment and infrastructure that has been already been done in Alaska. Look at our history.

2. Regulatory Issues Advisory Committee
 - A. Chair: Sam with Eric and Chris Whitehead involved;
 - B. Agencies to be contacted by Rabung for involvement DNR, DEC, DCCED, NOAA & Army Corps of Engineers. Plus industry.

3. Research & Development needs/ Environmental Information Advisory Committee
 - A. Chair: Mike Stekoll with Eric Wyatt serving on
 - B. Other Discussion - Brief discussion on whether or not to combine these committees; final decision made to combine them

4. Public Education and Marketing Advisory Committee
 - A. Chair: Heather?; Paula and Tomi would like to serve on this committee
 - B. Homework: Julie will reach out to Heather to inquire about chairing this advisory committee
 - C. Other Discussion
What is expectation of committee: outreach to educate the public and also discuss public perception of mariculture
Marketing: increase sales and market development; get ASMI involved
Discussion on whether to combine this committee with either Workforce Development or Marketing. Final decision was to combine Public Education and Marketing

5. Workforce Development Advisory Committee
 - A. Chair: Paula; Hope, Eric, and Tomi interested in serving and Sam will participate
 - B. Homework: Sam will reach out to Jim Kaiser and Jim Agair to serve Maritime Workforce Development Plan; and surveys of shellfish farmers and workforce needs to committee members
Julie: pull draft apprenticeship document that Oceans Alaska and others had worked on previously with the Department of Labor & Workforce Development and distribute to task force members
 - C. Other Discussion
Draft objective of advisory committee: Training program for qualified workers

Sam motioned to approve the five final advisory committees

Seconded by Mike

No opposed

Homework:

Identify resources from stakeholders and departments

Julie- industry

Paula- Sea Grant

Chris and Sam- their respective departments

Task Force members send one to two sentences for inclusion in the Press Release about their background that is relevant to Mariculture Task Force- due by Friday, June 24, 2016 to Linda Mattson

Press Release: changes suggested to Linda Mattson by Friday, June 24, 2016

Chairs of advisory committees: define their advisory committee with a short description in a way that task force members can use to communicate with members of the public

Chairs of advisory committees: contact individuals that they believe would be a good fit to serve on their respective committees and provide Linda Mattson's contact information

(linda.mattson@alaska.gov) to them if they are interested in serving

Chairs of advisory committees: schedule first meeting of your advisory committee to occur prior to September 15 task force meeting

Cynthia Pring-Ham: research a list serve idea of people who are interested in communications with public

Julie with help from Cynthia, Jeff, and Tomi: Come up with a draft list of questions that the advisory committees should answer and a common format in which they should be answered

Sam: find out if HB 300 will be reintroduced next legislative session

Item for task force members to think about in advance of next meeting: identify main questions that you would like the advisory committees to answer.

Down the line homework for Micaela Fowler: assist in compiling drafts from advisory committees into a comprehensive document when the task force reaches that point

Next meeting dates scheduled:

September 15, 2016, 1-5pm, in Juneau

November 9, 2016, time TBD, in Juneau

December 10, 2016 in Anchorage, time TBD

11:04am Meeting adjourned by Chairman Decker