Alaska Mariculture Task Force Meeting Minutes

Attendees
Mariculture Task Force members attending in person: Kate Sullivan, Eric Wyatt, Julie Decker, Mike Stekoll, Angel Drobnica, Heather McCarty
MTF members attending via teleconference- Jeff Hetrick, Kate Sullivan (joined at 10:14am)
Tomi Marsh- member of the public
Eric O’Brien- member of the public (joined via teleconference at 8:28am)
Barbara Blake- Office of Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott
Forrest Bowers- Department of Fish & Game- standing in for MTF member Sam Rabung
Cynthia Pring-Ham- Department of Fish & Game
Micaela Fowler and Linda Mattson - Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Materials distributed to task force members included: Agenda for September 30 meeting, minutes from June 20 meeting; Advisory Committee Guidance Packet; Meeting notes from the regulatory issues, investment and infrastructure, workforce development, and public education and marketing advisory committees; draft press release; and ListServe example.

10:10am Chairman Chris Hladick called the meeting to order

Agenda was reviewed, no changes
   Julie Decker motioned to approve agenda; Heather McCarty seconded the motion. No objections to the motion.

June 20 meeting minutes were reviewed and no changes were made
   Julie Decker motioned to approve the minutes; Forrest Bowers seconded the motion.
   No objections to the motion.
   MTF member Heather McCarty abstained from voting as she was not present at the June 20 meeting.

Public Comments:
Open by Chairman Hladick at 8:14am
No public comments
Closed by Chairman Hladick at 8:14am

Old Business:
   Press Release update by Barbara Blake: Decision made by Governor Walker’s office to hold off on the press release until the draft comprehensive plan was ready for public comment and then to submit an updated press release inviting the public to comment on the comprehensive Plan.
   HB 300 update by Forrest Bowers: plan is to reintroduce this bill in the next legislative session.
Micaela Fowler was tasked with researching whether or not the Mariculture Task Force had the authority/ability to draft a letter of support for HB 300. She will report back to the MTF her findings.

ListServe idea update from Cynthia Pring-Ham
Chairman Hladick requested a meeting to be scheduled with him, Forrest Bowers, Barbara Blake and Heather McCarty to discuss what department is going to house the ListServe and to identify protocols for sending out information, address social media outreach and protocols- will report to rest of MTF at next meeting.

Identification of Resources update provided by Julie Decker: work is ongoing, decision was made to hand this item off to the Investment and Infrastructure Advisory Committee.

Updates from Advisory Committee Chairs:
Jeff Hetrick & Angel Drobnica- the Investment & Infrastructure
Forrest Bowers- Regulatory Issues on behalf of Sam Rabung
Mike Stekoll- Environmental Information (haven’t met as of 9/30 meeting)
Heather McCarty- Public Education and Marketing
Julie Decker- Workforce Development on behalf of Paula Cullenberg

Suggestion made by MTF member Angel Drobnica: Add a section to committee guidance: Develop recommendations within the Advisory Committees and bring them to the whole task force for modification and suggestion and then a plan to communicate to any agencies that might be affected by the recommendation.

Timeline for communication goals identified: recommendations from AC come to MTF. MTF do a draft Strategic Plan and submit to public input.
  Deadline for AC recommendations to taskforce- March 1, 2017
  MTF draft Strategic Plan submit to public- September/ October 2017
  Barbara Blake suggested that any MTF recommendations for statutory or regulatory fixes should be submitted to Governor Walker prior to the March 2018 deadline. No deadline identified

New Business:
Communications
Heather McCarty moved to house the MTF website at ADF&G/ Julie Decker seconded. No objections to the motion.
Outline of comprehensive plan- discussion on identifying what the MTF can do short-term that is actionable; another reminder for the AC to identify their short-term goals for the next meeting, especially if there are short-term items that need action prior to the presentation of the comprehensive plan to the Governor.
Discussion on agenda items for November 9 meeting. Ideas included: presentations from AC’s on short-term goals; presentations from invited guests, including US Dept of Energy/ARPA-E, and economists working on Phase 2 of economic analysis.
Back burner idea: have a panel of experts to provide presentations to the public and recommendations to the MTF. Possible future plan.
Suggestion made that November 9 meeting should be almost all day

Homework:
Identify resources from stakeholders and departments
Julie- industry
Paula- Sea Grant  
Chris and Sam- their respective departments

MTF homework- send email to Linda Mattson with any presentations that you have been requested to make; she will distribute to all MTF members for awareness.
AC Homework for next meeting: have a meeting and submit short-term priorities for Strategic Plan. Due to Linda Mattson by Friday, November 4. Teleconference number will be distributed for use by ACs and conference rooms are available at ADCCED and ADF&G for AC meetings.
Chairman Hladick- contact a Taylor Shellfish member to present to MTF on barriers to invest in Alaska. Discuss possibility of meeting with MTF to drill down on issues.
Julie Decker- send out PowerPoint from SE Conference to task force members; add timeline to AC Guidelines.
Julie Decker – get contractors onboard for Phases 2 & 3 of the economic analysis (funded by EDA grant) and begin coordination with MTF.
Communications AC Homework (Heather): draft handout to provide to potential stakeholders that explains the MTF and what we’re doing in simple language; identify and communicate communications protocol to whole task force

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
   November 9, 2016 JNU length of meeting TBD
   December- 9 or 10 MTF presentation to ASGA & reception/ no official Task Force meeting in December
   January 11, 2017
   TENT: week or two after March 1

11:39am Meeting adjourned by Chairman Hladick