

Alaska Mariculture Task Force

Established by Governor Walker's Administrative Order #280

Directive: "to provide recommendations to develop a viable and sustainable mariculture industry producing shellfish and aquatic plants for the long-term benefit of Alaska's economy, environment and communities"

AGENDA

October 11, 2017, 1:00pm-4:00pm

DCCED Commissioner's Conference Room, 333 W Willoughby 9th Floor, Juneau, AK

Teleconference info: 1-800-315-6338 access code: 29660

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Review and approve agenda
- 3) Review and approve minutes: August 23, 2017 (draft attached)
- 4) Public introductions & comments
- 5) Old business:
 - a. Updates from Advisory Committee (AC) Chairs:
 - i. Mike Stekoll – Research, Development & Environmental Info AC
 - ii. Sam Rabung – Regulatory Issues AC
 - iii. Angel Drobnica & Jeff Hetrick – Investment & Infrastructure AC
 - iv. Paula Cullenberg – Workforce Development AC
 - v. Heather McCarty – Public Education & Marketing AC
 - b. Update on legislation – none
 - c. Updates on grant applications
 - d. Update - Requests for funding from NOAA & USDA
 - e. Update on permit applications (Rabung)
 - f. Communications:
 - i. Past / future presentations: Craig (Sept. 9), SEC (Sept. 20 – attached), FSMI (Oct. 6), Alaska Ocean Cluster (Oct. 17), Senator Murkowski to SEC – @ 4:40 in [this link](#), ASGA (Dec. 7-9), NSA (Mar. 18-22), others?
 - ii. News / press releases: see links in list of attachments
 - g. Federal recommendations to help develop mariculture - postponed
- 6) New Business:
 - a. McDowell Group update: Phase 2 progress, MTF comments & delayed timeline
 - a. Projections for growth – draft for discussion only
 - b. Recommendations for implementation of comp plan (e.g. capacity building, organization/coordination, leadership, etc)
 - c. Alaska Grown & WUSATA
 - d. Discuss prioritization of recommendations from ACs
 - e. Considerations of how to address negative impacts in comp plan:

Example publication – *Potential effects of mussel farming on New Zealand’s marine mammals & birds*

- 7) Updates to diagram of comprehensive planning process
- 8) Next steps, homework assignments, ***next meeting agenda***
- 9) Set next 3 meetings - date/time/place: Oct. 30 (***full day***), Nov ?, ?
- 10) MTF sign form for documenting in-kind match
- 11) Closing Comments

Reminder – Drafting Committee: Paula, Sam, Julie, Heather, Angel

Attachments:

- MTF Minutes, August 23, 2017 – DRAFT
- [Phase 2 – DRAFT \(McDowell Group\)](#)
- Advisory Committee Agendas/Minutes/Notes (see [MTF website](#))
- [Press Release - U.S. Dept. of Energy announces ARPA-E awards](#)
- [Press Release from U.S. Senate Energy Committee Chair, Lisa Murkowski](#)
- [Seaweed Farming in Alaska, by Gary Freitag](#)
- [UAF awarded \\$500K grant for seaweed study, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner](#)
- [Seaweed farming research gets federal funding boost, Cordova Times](#)
- Projections for Growth – draft for discussion only
- Alaska Grown & WUSATA info
- Spreadsheet summary of AC recommendations (TBD)
- *Potential effects of mussel farming on New Zealand’s marine mammals & birds*
- Diagram of Comprehensive Planning Process – Updated (TBD)
- NOAA In-Kind Match Form