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
   b. Projections for growth – draft for discussion only
   c. Recommendations for implementation of comp plan (e.g. capacity building, organization/coordination, leadership, etc)
   d. Alaska Grown & WUSATA
   e. Discuss prioritization of recommendations from ACs
   f. 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