Alaska Mariculture Task Force

AGENDA

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 @ 8:30am – noon AST
APICDA, 302 Gold Street, Juneau, AK 99801
AFDF ZOOM conference info
Join via internet: https://zoom.us/j/206379690
Join via phone: 1-669-900-6833
Meeting ID: 206-379-690

1) Roll call
2) Review and approve agenda (5 mins)
3) Review and approve minutes: August 8, 2019 (5 mins)
4) Public introductions & comments (15 mins)
5) Updates by MTF members (30 mins):
   a. New MTF member (Ginny Eckert)
   b. Presentation to North Pacific Fisheries Management Council
   c. ADFG - “Guidelines for Emerging Mariculture Industry and Marine Mammals Interactions”
   d. Hiring – NOAA, ASG, University
   e. NOAA workshop/ASGA conference
   f. National Sea Grant Awards (see attachments/links)
   g. Seaweed Training Workshops (Ketchikan, Sitka, Kodiak)
   h. AFDF encouraged to submit 2 SK grant proposals (see attachments)
   i. Meeting with ADEC Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner & C.Carpenter
   j. Meeting with Alaska Development Team (Matt Fagnani, Clark Penney)
   k. Meeting with Alaska Development Team, ADNR, ADEC, ADFG
   l. Others
6) Old Business (60 mins):
   a. Discuss Federal aquaculture bill (defer) – US Senate Commerce Committee hearing on Oct. 16
   b. Action Plan – draft
      i. Results of Fagnani meeting included
      ii. Discuss finalization of document (by Jan. 21, 2020)
7) New Business (30 mins):
   a. Discuss & recommend ASMI-related changes required to market aquatic farm products
   b. Discuss & recommend other legislative changes (see Action Plan)
      i. Allow for shellfish enhancement (HB 41)
ii. Reduce burdensome requirements for farm lease renewal (HB 116)

iii. Reduce burdensome requirements for EVERY farm lease renewal

iv. Enable eco-tourism as an allowable activity at an aquatic farm

v. Reduce timeline and backlog for farm lease application review

vi. Community leasing and subleasing of farm sites

vii. Designate annual farm lease fees for DNR

viii. Increase term of farm lease from 1- to 20 years (this idea has been set aside, as it has multiple complications and would be a heavy lift)

c. Discuss ADEC fees for PSP testing and water certification

8) Work Groups - review tasks (15 mins)

a. Legislative Workgroup (McCarty, Rabung, Drobnica, Decker)

b. Regulatory Workgroup (Rabung, McCarty, Wyatt, Decker, Sullivan, Stryker, Smith)

c. Research Workgroup (Eckert, Stekoll, Wyatt, Foy, Decker)

d. Action Plan Workgroup (McCarty, Decker, Hetrick, Scheurer, Drobnica, Wyatt, Stekoll)

9) Set next meeting date and time – Dec. 13, 16, or Jan. 9, 10 (5 mins)

10) Closing Comments & Adjournment (5 mins)

Attachments/Links:

- MTF Appointments
- Minutes – Draft – August 8, 2019
- National Sea Grant Aquaculture Awards
- SK Pre-proposal – Enabling Increased Sales of Alaska Seaweed
- SK Pre-proposal – Oyster Hatchery Capacity
- ASMI-related changes
- ASMI statutes
- ASMI Bylaws
- SB22B info; SB22B text; HB41B info; HB41B text
- HB 116B info; HB 116B text
- New Zealand 5-Year Action Plan
- Alaska Mariculture Development Plan – full version
- Alaska Mariculture Development Plan – In Brief
- Federal aquaculture bill – 2019 version – staff discussion draft
- 2018 Evaluation of US Shellfish Aquaculture Permitting Systems

Articles:

- Kelp Farming Increases to More Remote Alaska Locations
- Local Entrepreneur Aims to Start Kelp Farm
- Research will help seaweed farming and traditional aquaculture
- Enthusiasm continues building for mariculture industry
- North Pacific Focus (Summer, 2019, pg. 22) - Southeast Seed Supply