



## Alaska Mariculture Task Force (MTF) Meeting Minutes November 9, 2016

### Attendees

Mariculture Task Force members attending in person: Julie Decker, Angel Drobnic, Mike Stekoll, Heather McCarty, Sam Rabung, Chris Whitehead, Chris Hladick

MTF members attending via teleconference- Jeff Hetrick, Paula Cullenberg, Kate Sullivan

Members of the Public: Tomi Marsh- OceansAlaska; Tamsen Peeples, Premium Oceanic; Connie McKenzie, Offices of Senators Murkowski and Sullivan; Eric O'Brien, farmer from Kodiak.

Barbara Blake- Office of Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott

Forrest Bowers- Department of Fish & Game

Adam Smith, Christy Collins- Department of Natural Resources

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 September 30 meeting; AFDF Project Scope of Work, MTF Draft Statement, Public Education and Marketing Advisory Committee notes, Investment and Infrastructure Advisory Committee notes

### 8:38am Chairman Chris Hladick called the meeting to order

Agenda was reviewed

Julie Decker requested to postpone 6a (Contractor for Economic Analysis to Inform the Comprehensive Plan- Phases 2 and 3; review results from Phase 1) as contractor has not been selected.

Julie Decker requested to add an 8e under New Business- review draft scope of work for Phases 2 and 3

Agenda approved by Chairman Hladick with changes.

September 30 meeting minutes were reviewed and no changes were made

Heather McCarty motioned to approve the minutes; Julie Decker seconded the motion.

Sam Rabung requested date be added to the header

No objections to the motion. Minutes approved.

### Public Comments:

Opened by Chairman Hladick at 8:44am

No public comments

Closed by Chairman Hladick at 8:44am

**Special Presentation:**

Presentation made by Dr. Marc Von Keitz, Program Director, Advanced Research Projects Agency- Energy (ARPA-E): Macroalgae as Fuel

**Old Business:**

Updates from Advisory Committee Chairs:

Jeff Hetrick & Angel Drobnica- the Investment & Infrastructure

Sam Rabung- Regulatory Issues

Mike Stekoll- Environmental Information

Heather McCarty- Public Education and Marketing

Paula Cullenberg- Workforce Development

- Discussion on definition of mariculture: decision made to define mariculture as the enhancement of wild fisheries and aquatic farming of shellfish and aquatic plants.
- Heather McCarty requested that the marketing portion of the Public Education and Marketing committee be moved to the Investment & Infrastructure committee. Decision made by the task force to keep it in the Public Education committee with the caveat that they will work together to tackle this issue.
- Decision made to make Linda Mattson the contact person for questions on the Mariculture Task Force
- Press Releases- decision made to send a Mariculture Task Force press release from DCCED and a press release distributed from ASGA regarding Julie's presentation on Mariculture. Barbara Blake volunteered to assist Heather McCarty in drafting paragraph on subsistence for the Mariculture Task Force press release.
- Facebook page- decision made by MTF to hold off at this time and to utilize existing Facebook pages (ADF&G, AFDF, ASGA, etc.) to post content.

Update on website and listserv (ADF&G): provided by Sam Rabung

- Decision made that the chairs of the advisory committees should send information to ADF&G for posting on the website. The whole Mariculture Task Force does not need to approve all content that goes on the webpage.
- Reminder that the information submitted to the website will become public record
- Julie Decker motioned to make the website and listserv live. Heather McCarty seconded the motion. Motion passed.

HB 300- discuss strategy for support from individuals

- Micaela Fowler 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 MTF her findings.
- Heather McCarty motioned that MTF support the upcoming re-introduction of HB 300. Contingent upon whether or not it is appropriate for the task force to do so. Julie Decker seconded the motion.
- Sam Rabung requested that the new bill be called the Governor's bill as it will be submitted by Governor Walker's office. Heather McCarty amended her motion to reflect the change.

**New Business:**

Upcoming presentations

- Julie Decker presenting at Pacific Marine Expo

- Sam Rabung suggested that someone from the task force attend the Alaska Fish Culture Conference in Sitka on Jan 24-26.
- Mike Stekoll presenting to the Juneau Economic Development Council on November 18 to discuss the task force and the research agenda

Address Advisory Committee short-term priority recommendations

- Discussion had on the fishery enhancement fund vs. the mariculture revolving loan fund.
- Recommendation made to have the Division of Economic Development (DED) Director Britteny Cioni-Haywood attend the next meeting and present on the different loan programs
- Julie Decker suggested a motion to support a bill that would amend the mariculture revolving loan fund contingent on discussions from DED and advisory committees. Motion tabled for a future meeting.
- Heather McCarty requested a comprehensive analysis of both the fishery enhancement fund and the mariculture revolving loan fund and all the possibilities be submitted to MTF by the Investment & Infrastructure Advisory Committee with the help of the Division of Economic Development and the Department of Fish & Game.

Outline of Comprehensive Plan

Draft scope of work

- Recommendation made for whomever the contractor is to work with the Public Education and Marketing Advisory Committee on specific language for the final document
- Recommendation: scope of work does not need to be brought to the whole task force
- Goal: contractors attend January 11, 2017 meeting

**Homework:**

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.

Communications AC Homework (Heather): draft handout to provide to potential stakeholders that explains the MTF and what they're doing

Heather McCarty & Barbara Blake: finalize press release to be distributed by DCCED

Investment & Infrastructure AC Homework: coordinate with DED regarding loan programs

DCCED CO Homework: edit plan based on discussion and resend to task force

Down the line homework for Micaela Fowler: assist in compiling drafts from advisory committees into a comprehensive document

**Next meeting**

**December 9 at 1:30pm- MTF presentation to ASGA & reception on December 9 at 6:30pm/ no official Task Force meeting in December**

**January 11, 2017**

**March 14, 2017**

**12:25pm Meeting adjourned by Chairman Hladick**