



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 Drobnic- 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