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## Alaska Mariculture Task Force

### AGENDA

**Friday, April 10, 2020 @ 8:30am – noon AST**

**DUE TO COVID-19: ONLINE MEETING ONLY**

AFDF ZOOM conference info

Join via internet: <https://zoom.us/j/559273011>

Join via phone: 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: **559-273-011**

- 1) Roll call
- 2) Review and approve agenda (5 mins)
- 3) Review and approve minutes: Feb. 10, 2020 (5 mins)
- 4) Public introductions & comments (15 mins)
- 5) Updates by MTF members (30 mins):
  - a. Hired – Danielle Blacklock, NOAA Director Office of Aquaculture
  - b. EVOS Trustee Council meeting on Feb. 28, 2020
  - c. ARPA-E considering anaerobic digestion pilot project w/seaweed & seafood waste
  - d. Oceanium discussions continue about bioplastics pilot plant in Alaska
  - e. Seaweed Farm Start-Up Training, Feb. 4-21, 2020
  - f. *Connecting Alaska Seaweed with New Markets* (PSMFC grant awarded to AFDF)
  - g. SK grants 2020 – to be announced in May, 2020; pre-proposals due in summer
  - h. New aquaculture grants (Alaska Sea Grant, National Sea Grant Aqua, others?)
  - i. NOAA workshop final report forthcoming (NOAA)
  - j. Humpback Whale critical habitat (NOAA)
  - k. Federal AQUAA Act introduced March 11, 2020
  - l. White House Summit on Partnerships in Ocean Science & Technology
  - m. Other updates
- 6) Old Business (60 mins):
  - a. Legislative issues:
    - MTF-supported 3 operating budget items; Gov vetoed ADFG aquaculture position
    - Approve MTF comments on ADEC fee PSP increases
    - CSHB 41 (Senate Finance Com substitute - version O)
  - b. AMCD Models – draft bylaws – postponed
  - c. Hatchery Demand Projections – postponed
- 7) New Business (60 mins):
  - a. COVID-19 impacts & responses
    - Surveys conducted by ASG and NOAA

- b. EVOS proposal & partners
- 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, Sternberg)
  - d. AMDC Workgroup (Decker, Wyatt, Stekoll, Sheridan, Scheer, Marsh, Figus, Sternberg)
  - e. EVOS Proposal Workgroup (?)
- 9) Topics for next meeting (5 mins)**
  - a. Ocean acidification presentation by Wiley Evans, Hakai Institute
  - b. Discussions with Danielle Blacklock, NOAA Director Office of Aquaculture
- 10) Set next meeting date and time – week of April 6th (5 mins)**
- 11) Closing Comments & Adjournment (5 mins)**

**Attachments/Links:**

- [MTF Appointments](#)
- Minutes – Draft – Feb. 10, 2020
- MTF Letter of Intent to EVOS
- Seaweed Farm Start-Up Training Materials & Curriculum, Feb. 4-21, 2020
- *Connecting Alaska Seaweed with New Markets* (PSMFC grant awarded to AFDF)
- AQUAA Act, 2020-03-11
- SATS Press Release, 2020-03-11
- Summary of the 2019 White House Summit on Partnerships in Ocean Science & Technology
- White House Ocean Partnership Workshop, Jan. 29, 2020 (AOOS & BOEM)
- MTF letter supporting House Finance Committee budget
- MTF comments on ADEC fee increases for PSP testing - TBD
- MTF letter supporting CSHB 41
- CSHB 41 version O
- CSHB 41 version O – sectional analysis
- CSHB 41 version O – abridged sectional
- AMDC models – draft
- Hatchery Demand Projections (10-Year) - draft
- COVID-19 update by AFDF
- Five-Year Action Plan – Working Draft 2020-01-20

**Articles:**

- [Could our energy come from giant seaweed farms in the ocean?](#) , Scientific American
- [Alaska Kelp Farming: A Blue Revolution](#), by Mark Stopha