



Alaska Mariculture Task Force Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Heather McCarty- Consultant in the fishing industry
Kate Sullivan- Public member
Eric Wyatt- Oyster farmer; AK Shellfish growers association
Anthony Lindoff- oyster farmer; Mariculture Manager for Goldbelt seafoods
Julie Decker- Executive Director AK Fisheries Development Foundation
Mike Stekoll- UAA Representative
Jeff Hetrick- Director of Seward Hatchery
Sam Rabung- AK F&G
Chris Whitehead- Environmental Program Manager for the Sitka Tribe
Paula Cullenberg- Director of Alaska Sea Grant
Barbara Blake- Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Tomi Marsh
Angel Drobnica- Public member

9:02am DCCED Commissioner Chris Hladick called the meeting to order
The Task Force appointed DCCED Commissioner Hladick to chair the task force and Julie Decker to be the vice-chair

Agenda was reviewed and the following changes were suggested: Combining the essential elements of the comprehensive plan and the advisory committees

Business:

AO 280 was reviewed and the difference between mariculture and aquaculture was discussed

The group discussed items that they wanted to do

- Get a mission statement

- Assemble a press release with what the task force is about

- Address the issues in phases: comprehensive plan for the next 5-10 years and map out short term and long term goals

- Determine the roadblocks and successes and find ways to address the roadblocks and highlight the successes

- Identify exactly what is the Mariculture Task Force and how is it difference from other task forces?

- Implementation plan of something real- who are we and what do we do

- Encourage Stakeholder Sustainability- if you want this to succeed, it must be stakeholder driven the state cannot drive

- Develop a timeline for completion of the plan

Julie mentioned that she has compiled a binder of resources that she will mail to all task force members within the next few weeks

Public Comment: Anthony Lindoff stressed the importance of learning from our history but that the task force should look at changing the culture/ attitude. We are decidedly Alaskan and the things that work for other people in other places, don't necessarily work for us. We need to appreciate our uniqueness

Sam stressed the importance of actionable items. Here's what you can do

Heather- introduced the idea of species specific planning; having a breakdown of region and species in the final document

Jeff posed the following important question: who's going to write it?

Sam suggested that someone would do the initial assembly and then brings it forward to the group

Conversation about how to outline the plan

Heather suggested a species driven outline

Have the advisory committees outline their sections and then bring their findings back to the group

Sam suggested that instead of individual species, we split it by type of operations (aquatic farming of indigenous invertebrates, fishery enhancement of indigenous invertebrates, or aquatic farming of algae's) so that it would give more of a broad overview.

The outline should make sure that everyone in industry has a voice

10:02 joined by Angel Drobica, task force member

10: 20 Sam volunteered to work with Julie on an information packet that would be sent to stakeholders explaining the work of the task force.

10: 30 Heather volunteered to have her group come up with a list of priorities for the task force from her specific area of influence

10:47 Post-it exercise began: put every task that needs to be done to get to whatever the goal is to get to the comprehensive plan

11:45 discussion of committees began- committees tentatively identified

Regulatory Issues

Research and Development/ Environmental Issues

Public Education

Investment/ Funding/ Infrastructure

Processing, and Marketing

Assignments: Identify resources from stakeholders and departmente

Julie- industry

Paula- Sea Grant

Chris and Sam- their respective departments

Jeff will communicate with Bob Foyt to see if he is interested in serving on a committee

Heather: do up a draft press release on the Mariculture Task Force

Next meeting

Monday, June 20 at 9:00am in Juneau; teleconference will be available

12:00 Meeting adjourned by Chairman Hladick