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Meeting notes for R&D AC

Roll call

\*Keith Criddle

\*Ginny Eckert

\*Bob Foy

\*Jeff Hetrick

Carter Newell

\*Cynthia Pring-Ham

\*Mike Stekoll

\*Kate Sullivan

\*Eric Wyatt

\*Julie Decker

Mike reminded all of us to continue to fill out the information in the two documents on Google Docs.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B6G2zi5VAowRM1dWb1ITR0MydWs?usp=sharing>

They are:

2011 Shellfish Priorities from Oct 26 R and D version 2.xlsx

and

Existing research & future needs - draft

What should we be doing? conversation

A short discussion on economic research, especially with respect to the scale of aquaculture research. Scale of aquaculture is important for research w/r to economics – a report has been done by Alaska Department of Commerce by Matt Catterson.

<http://www.afdf.org/wp-content/uploads/2b-Alaska-Shellfish-Farm-Size-Feasibility-Study-2015.pdf>

\*Can Keith look at how scaling works compare Cynthia's data with that of Matt's? Keith says yes.

What kind of oversight committee would we want to coordinate R and D, if any?.

Jeff: one time the hatchery was set up to do this, but fell by the way side. No need for central location for R and D. Can just be coordinated by a committee.

Julie- Multiple ways to approach it. Maybe NOAA would be able to set up a central oversight person or organization.

Ginny: we need to document the need for such an entity and then maybe we can convince (who?) for it to be formed

Bob: is this entity thought of as a communication or a policy making entity?. Maybe a coordinating body. Thinks it should be communication.

Cynthia: yes a coordinating body.

Mike: Need someone to run it – a staff person paid to do it. “Someone to herd the cats”.

Jeff: We should put together something like a board to oversee R and D needs.

Ginny: we need 2 positions. One to coordinate business things working with industry to help with marketing and another coordinating research.

Julie: the existing mariculture industry is small. Not many people involved to form an R& D oversight board. Not sure the most appropriate place for this. The 2006 plan has some ideas for this.

Mike: let’s set up a document with ideas added. First, we agree with the idea of an overall R&D coordinating committee. Do we make a recommendation to the MTF on the details or just say we think we would like it to happen? Ideas for what we will call the “mariculture center” should look like.

Bob: Find industry reps to be the energy behind it.

Julie agrees with it. Have the industry take the lead with R&D. Use the state’s salmon hatchery model. Main challenge is funding for all of this.

(Question: how important was the FRED division in the eventual success of the PNP hatcheries? Is this a model for mariculture?)

Cynthia: would like to try to prioritize the 2011 list so we have smaller steps to accomplish.

Mike to send out homework and link to google docs.