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Alaska Mariculture Task Force

AGENDA

Wednesday, September 23, 2020 @ 12:00pm – 3:00pm AST

DUE TO COVID-19: ONLINE MEETING ONLY

AFDF ZOOM conference info

Join via internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83709090083>

Join via phone: 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 837 0909 0083

- 1) Roll call
- 2) Conflicts of Interest Declared
- 3) Review and approve agenda (5 mins)
- 4) Review and approve minutes: August 26, 2020 (5 mins)
- 5) Public introductions & comments (5 mins)
- 6) Updates by MTF members (20 mins):
 - a. AFDF updates (Smith)
 - b. COVID-19 updates – [USDA Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2](#), [AK CARES Grant](#), [\\$50 M](#) (Smith, Rabung)
 - c. USDA/DCCED RFI on COVID-19 impacts on Alaska shellfish industry (Smith)
 - d. Alaska Sea Grant updates (Eckert)
 - e. NOAA updates (Bishop)
 - f. Other updates
- 7) Workgroup Updates:
 - a. Legislative Workgroup – (McCarty, Rabung, Drobnica, Decker/Smith, Hetrick) - none
 - b. Regulatory Workgroup – (Rabung, McCarty, Wyatt, Decker/Smith, Sullivan, Stryker, Smith) – none
 - c. EVOS Proposal Workgroup (Drobnica, Douville, McCarty, Decker/Smith, Hetrick, Eckert, Stekoll)
 - d. AQUAA Act Workgroup (Decker/Smith, McCarty, Rabung, Pryor, Eckert, Bishop)
 - e. AMA Workgroup (McCarty, Decker/Smith, Wyatt, Scheurer, Sheridan, Scheer, Marsh, Figus, Sternberg) – under old business
 - f. Research Workgroup (Eckert, Stekoll, Wyatt, Foy, Decker/Smith, Bishop, Hetrick, Sternberg) – none
- 8) Old Business (100 mins):
 - a. Alaska Mariculture Alliance (AMA)
 - AMA draft bylaws – for discussion/approval
 - Next steps for AMA bylaws, implementation

- b. Mariculture Research & Training Center (MRTC) – final version, next steps
- c. May 7th Presidential Executive Order (presentation by Bishop – 20 mins)
 - Aquaculture Opportunity Areas – is Alaska interested? Discussion of AK Letter of Support

9) New Business (30 mins):

- a. Army Corps of Engineers September Notice - Revised Standards for Finfish, Seaweed, & Shellfish Aquaculture – public comments (Smith, Bishop)
- b. FY21 NOAA SK proposal status (Smith)
- c. [Seafood Trade Relief Program](#) (Smith)
- d. Other

10) Tentative topics for next meeting (5 mins)

- a. AQUAA Act workgroup report
- b. MTF AOA Letter of Support – discussion, approval
- c. Next steps for AMA bylaws, implementation
- d. U.S. state PSP testing overview (Sullivan)?
- e. Others?

11) Set next meeting date and time – October 27, 28, 29, 30 (5 mins)

12) Closing Comments & Adjournment (5 mins)

Attachments/Links:

- Minutes – Draft – August 26, 2020
- [Army Corps of Engineers September Notice - Revised Standards for Finfish, Seaweed, & Shellfish Aquaculture](#)
- Army Corps of Engineers September Notice – outline
- AQUAA Act, 2020-03-11
- AQUAA Act 2020 Section by Section
- [Executive Order on Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth – May 7, 2020](#)
- AMA Bylaws – draft – 2020-09-21
- MRC Whitepaper – final
- AFDF FY21 NOAA SK Pre-proposal – Seaweed Product Development
- NOAA E.O. & AOA Presentation
- DCCED Mariculture Brief (08/21/20)

Articles/Other:

- [COVID-19 updates from AFDF as of August 21](#)
- NOAA Announces Regions for First Two Aquaculture Opportunity Areas
- NOAA approves first four states for CARES funding | National Fisherman
- UFA Fleet Update (as of September 17)