

Florida Aquaculture Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting – November 13, 2006

Meeting Notice

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Aquaculture announces a meeting of the Florida Aquaculture Interagency Coordinating Council to which all interested persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, November 13, 2006, 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Division of Aquaculture Conference Room, 1203 Governor's Square Boulevard,
Fifth Floor, Tallahassee, FL 32301

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

To discuss issues affecting the growth of aquaculture in Florida. A copy of the agenda can be obtained by contacting Kal Knickerbocker at 1203 Governor's Square Boulevard, Fifth Floor, Tallahassee, FL 32301, (850) 488-4033.

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Meeting Agenda

FLORIDA AQUACULTURE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING

Division of Aquaculture Conference Room
1203 Governor's Square Boulevard, Fifth Floor
Tallahassee, Florida
November 13, 2006
1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. MINUTES OF MEETING January 13, 2005 & October 6, 2005
- III. OLD BUSINESS
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Agency Updates
 - B. Section 309 Coastal Zone Management Act Grant
 - C. Other New Business

V. NEXT MEETING

VI. ADJOURN

Meeting Minutes

Draft Minutes Aquaculture Interagency Coordinating Council Division of Aquaculture Conference Room Tallahassee, Florida

November 13, 2006

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

Members Present

Chuck Adams	Florida Sea Grant
Larry Nall	Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
Craig Watson	University of Florida - Institute of Food and Agricultural Science (IFAS)
Chris Young	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)
Sherman Wilhelm	Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (DACS)

Members Absent

Mary Helen Blakeslee	Office of Trade, Tourism and Economic Development (OTTED)
Lawrence Carter	Florida A&M University
Ray Eubanks	Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA)
Larry Robinson	Florida Institute of Oceanography

Guests

Mark Luchte	SWFWMD
Robert Day	SJRWMD/IRL Program
Paul Zajicek	DACS
Lacrica Webb	DACS
Kal Knickerbocker	DACS

II. Minutes of Previous Meetings.

The minutes of previous meetings held on January 13, 2006 and October 6, 2005 were approved as written.

II. Old Business

DACS reported that the 2007-2008 Aquaculture Review Council recommended research projects funding request had been submitted to the Governor and Legislature by the October 15, 2006 deadline. Copies of the recommended projects were provided to the AICC members.

III. New Business

A. Agency Updates

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC):

FWC has actively been involved in investigating potential new locations for the Port Manatee marine hatchery. The Tampa Bay Port Authority is requesting that the hatchery facility be relocated. Discussions are in process with Mote Marine and HBOI regarding establishing marine hatcheries to provide fish for stock enhancement as part of a \$2 million state wide stocking plan.

The Florida Bass Center was officially opened April, 2006. The production ponds at the Center will be completed in 2007

Sea Grant:

The Sea Grant work plan activities that relate to aquaculture were distributed and discussed. A handout summarizing aquaculture activities was also discussed. A copy is attached as a part of the meeting minutes.

University of Florida - Institute of Food and Agricultural Science Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (IFAS):

Dr. Jeff Hill has been hired as a non-native aquatic species and aquaculture faculty. This position will be funded from a variety of sources including IFAS, USDA, and FWC for the first five years. A handout summarizing aquaculture activities was also discussed. A copy is attached as a part of the meeting minutes.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP):

The aquatic preserves are currently revising their management plans and are holding public meetings with local advisory committees to provide input for adjustment to existing management plans.

Ocean Council activities are continuing.

Conducting a hard clam research project in Alligator Harbor

Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (DACS):

The latest Best Management Practices manual is in the final stages of rule development. The updated manual provides regulatory best management practice for marine net pen culture in Florida near shore waters.

The legislature funded four projects recommended by the Aquaculture Review Council. These projects included research on design of marine fish and live feed recirculating systems, hurricane preparedness practices, exploring potential aquaculture opportunities in Florida, and development of small scale aquaculture in north Florida.

Eight projects recommended by the ARC for 2007-2008 funding are in the Department's budget request for next year.

B. Section 309 Coastal Zone Management Act Grant

The Division of Aquaculture will be conducting a series of 13 workshops with the DEP Aquatic Preserve Staffs, FWC, and the WMDs to exchange information on aquaculture activities and BMP regulations. An additional 4 workshops will be held with aquaculture

industry to pass on recommendations from the agency workshops as it relates to the potential for aquaculture in near shore waters.

C. Other New Business

The next meeting is TBD

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Submitted by Kal Knickerbocker