

Aquaculture Review Council Meeting – March 14, 2006

Notice of Meeting

The **Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services** announces a meeting of the Florida Aquaculture Review Council.

DATE AND TIME: March 14, 2006, 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: DeLand Middle School, 1400 South Aquarius Avenue, DeLand, Florida 32724

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 Karen Metcalf at 1203 Governor's Square Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32301 (850)488-4033)

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Meeting Agenda

FLORIDA AQUACULTURE REVIEW COUNCIL MEETING

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DeLand, Florida

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AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. MINUTES OF MEETING December 14, 2005
- III. OLD BUSINESS
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. 2007-2008 Statements of Interest
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VI. NEXT MEETING
- VII. ADJOURN

Meeting Minutes

Minutes
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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by ARC Chair, Alan Maxwell at 11:03 am.

Aquaculture Review Council (ARC) members present were:

Heath Davis	Commercial Fishing
Donald Drawdy	Tropical Fish
Gene Evans	Food Fish
Alan Maxwell, Chair	At-Large
Brad McLane, Vice-Chair	Aquatic Plants
Allen Register	Alligators
Dan Solano	Shellfish

Aquaculture Review Council (ARC) member absent was:

Marty Tanner	Agriculture Advisory Council
Sherman Wilhelm	Chair, Aquaculture Interagency Coordinating Council (AICC)

II. Minutes

A motion was passed to accept the minutes of the ARC meeting of December 14, 2005 as written.

III. Old Business

There was no old business

IV. New Business

A. ARC Statements of Interest

Thirteen statements of interest were received for funding during the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Comments related to each project are found in the following table.

Project Number	Full Proposal Title	Comments
01	<i>Educational Training Workshop – “Developing Aquaculture Opportunities in Florida”</i>	The ARC would like to see a full proposal. Please include information in full proposal about attendance at past meetings.

02	<i>Florida Aquaculture Clearinghouse for Educators</i>	Concern about whether ARC can review this proposal without a conflict of interest. The ARC would like to see a full proposal.
03	<i>Dock/Aquaculture Greenhouse</i>	The ARC would like to see a full proposal. The ARC is concerned about the appropriateness of funding the dock portion of this project. Full proposal should fully justify the dock request or eliminate this portion of the project. The ARC would like to know why the school board or water management district have not funded this dock.
04	<i>Development of a Nucleus Breeding Center for the Production of Specific Pathogen Free (SPF) Stocks of Litopenaeus setiferus (Atlantic White Shrimp)</i>	The ARC would like to see a full proposal. The full proposal should fully discuss the market for bait shrimp. The ARC would like to know if research has been done on this species and what is the size of the industry. The full proposal should also address the potential impact of readily available bait shrimp on wild bait shrimp harvesters and wild sport fish.
05	<i>Design and Evaluation of Marine Fish and Live Feeds Recirculating Systems for Inland Aquaculture – Year 2</i>	The ARC would like to see a full proposal. The ARC notes that there is no education component to this project. The Council would like the full proposal to address available results of the current project. They would also like to know what it will take for the project to be completed (what questions will remain if the additional year is funded?) The ARC asks that the full proposal address the public-private partnership aspects of the project and how the investigators plan to handle returning any profit to the State.
06	<i>Aquaculture Research Facility</i>	The ARC would like to see a full proposal. The ARC would like to see a very detailed budget in the full proposal.
07	<i>Aquaculture Immersion Excursion: A Teacher Workshop Series for Integrating Aquaculture Education Into the Classroom</i>	The ARC would like to see a full proposal. The ARC would like to see as many teachers involved as possible. The full proposal should reflect that DACS waives the aquaculture certification fee for schools. Please note that attendance in this course will have no affect on a teacher's eligibility for aquaculture certification.
08	<i>Quantitative and Qualitative Study of Two Experimental Small Scale Recirculating Aquaculture Systems: 1)a Freshwater Ornamental Fish and Water Garden Plant Grow Out System, and 2) Marine Ornamental</i>	The ARC would like to see a full proposal.

	<i>Breeding and Grow Out System</i>	
09	<i>Project FOF – Feeding Our Future with Aquaculture</i>	The ARC feels that this project is inappropriate at this time. There is concern that it is an expensive countywide project where a smaller pilot project would be better to prove the efficacy of such a project in educating students.
10	<i>Education Beneath the Surface: Water Quality and Animal Behavior Relationships</i>	The ARC would like to see a full proposal. The ARC would like to see full justification in the proposal for the cameras. The ARC would like to know what happens to the cameras after the project is completed. The ARC would like a summary of how many students are expected to be involved in the project and how this project relates to the currently-funded project.
11	<i>Development of North Florida Aquaculture Program to Enhance Aquaculture Education</i>	The ARC would like to see a full proposal. The ARC would like to see more specifics on the curriculum to be developed by this project. They are also concerned that no matching funds are indicated on the proposal and would like to know if the facilities currently exist for the project.
12	<i>Aquaculture Education for Florida Teachers</i>	The ARC would like to see a full proposal. The ARC wanted to be clear that this project would be viewed more favorably if there were some cost sharing indicated.
13	<i>Aquaculture Development in Florida Through Education, Research, Demonstration and Production</i>	Project is inappropriate at this time.

V. Election of Officers

Alan Maxwell was re-elected chair and Brad McLane vice-chair.

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting was tentatively set for late May or early June in Tallahassee.

VII. Adjourn

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Submitted by Karen Metcalf