

# Aquaculture Review Council Meeting – March 19, 2007

## Notice of Meeting

The **Aquaculture Review Council** announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, March 19, 2007, 3:00 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.

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## Meeting Agenda

### **FLORIDA AQUACULTURE REVIEW COUNCIL MEETING**

Division of Aquaculture Conference Room  
1203 Governor's Square Boulevard, Fifth Floor  
Tallahassee, Florida

March 19, 2007  
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### **AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. MINUTES OF MEETING    November 17, 2006
- III. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Legislative Update
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Introduce New Coordinator
  - B. Statements of Interest for Aquaculture Projects (2008-2009)
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VI. NEXT MEETING
- VII. ADJOURN

**Minutes**  
**Florida Aquaculture Review Council Meeting**  
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**Tallahassee, Florida**

**March 19, 2007**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by ARC Vice-Chair, Brad McLane at 3:04 p.m.

**Aquaculture Review Council (ARC) members present were:**

Heath Davis	Commercial Fishing
Gene Evans	Food Fish
Marty Tanner,	Agricultural Advisory Council
Brad McLane, Vice-Chair	Aquatic Plants
Allen Register	Alligators
Dan Solano	Shellfish

**Aquaculture Review Council (ARC) member absent were:**

Donald Drawdy	Tropical Fish
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**Guests present:**

Megan Davis	Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute
Kal Knickerbocker	Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS)
Kim Norgren	Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS)
Kevan Main	Mote Aquaculture
Jim Michaels	Mote Aquaculture
Craig Watson	Director Tropical Aquaculture Laboratory
David Boozer	Executive Director of the Florida Aquaculture Association

**II. Minutes**

A motion was passed to accept the minutes of the ARC meeting of November 17, 2006 as written.

**III. Old Business**

**A. Legislative Update**

The Senate and House are in the third week of 60 day session. Their Appropriation Committees started a week ago working on budgets. The Governor has submitted his budget which does not include any non-recurring revenue projects. The revenue estimating conference last week forecasted a 300 million dollar shortfall. Because of this they are looking for cuts. The House has told its members that they will not be funding any Community Projects. There will be another revenue estimating conference at the end

of April. This will mean that budgets outlined by the House and Senate in the next week will most likely be revised.

#### IV. New Business

##### A. New ARC Coordinator

Kim Norgren was introduced as the new coordinator for the ARC.

##### B. ARC Council Members Office Terms

There are several members' whose 4 year term had ended or were ending. Letters from Commissioner Bronson requesting nominations for the Alligator Representative, the Aquatic Plant Representative, the Commercial Fishing Representative, and the Industry at Large Representative would need to be sent.

##### C. ARC Statements of Interest

Fifteen statements of interest were received for funding during the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Comments related to each project are found in the following table.

Project Number	Full Proposal Title	Comments
01	<i>Determination of an Optimum Method for the Production of Sterile Triploid Pompano for use in High Intensity Aquaculture Systems: Recirculating Tank Systems and Marine Net Pens</i>	The ARC feels that this project is inappropriate at this time. The ARC does not feel that research on culture techniques is warranted for this species. They also feel the triploid technology is well established.
02	<i>The Florida Aquaculture Encounter: Development of the Aquaculture Pavilion</i>	The ARC feels that this project is inappropriate at this time. The ARC has a serious concern about funding construction of the infrastructure (building).
03	<i>Expansion of Diagnostic and Teaching Resources at the Fish Health Laboratory</i>	The ARC feels that this project is inappropriate at this time.
04	<i>Aquaculture Marketing and Education</i>	The ARC would like to see a full proposal. The reviewers are concerned that the requested funds are not sufficient to cover ten categories and suggest the focus should be on Tropical Fish, Food Fish, Aquatic Plants, Alligators, and Shellfish.
05	<i>Mass Scale Production of Copepods for Marine Aquaculture</i>	The ARC would like to see a full proposal. 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. The proposal needs to clarify involvement of private company or resubmit without company involvement. The reviewers would also recommend that the level of cost sharing

		be addressed.
06	<i>Evaluating, Implementing, and Building on Aquaculture in the Classroom: Water for Life, Water for People, Water for Farming</i>	The ARC requested a full proposal. The ARC would like this proposal to address how this is a single-year project.
07	<i>Aquaculture Small Learning Community (Development and Implementation)</i>	The ARC would like to see a full proposal. The ARC would like clarification on the budget, in particular, the purchase of 20 microscopes for \$500.
08	<i>Florida Experiences in Aquaculture for Secondary Schools</i>	The ARC feels that this project is inappropriate at this time. The ARC was concerned by funding for the principal investigator and the full total cost sharing for the project.
09	<i>The Impacts of Non-native Apple Snails and Their Parasites in Florida</i>	The ARC feels that this project is inappropriate at this time. Concern that this is not relevant to commercial aquaculture
10	<i>Commercial Farm Production of the Florida Bay Scallop (<u>Argopecten irradians</u>, Lamarck 1819), an Alternative <u>Molluscan</u> Aquaculture Species</i>	The ARC would like to see a full proposal. 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. The ARC asks that the level of cost sharing be addressed and to specify the source of the seed to be purchased.
11	<i>Non-Native Aquatic Species and Aquaculture Research and Education</i>	The ARC would like to see a full proposal. The ARC would like to know if the proposed greenhouse can be completed by retro-fitting an existing structure, or use a smaller greenhouse. The reviewers were concerned by the large electro-fishing boat budgeted and asked if the project could make use of a smaller vessel.
12	Duplicate #8 – removed	
13	<i>Design and Evaluation of Marine Fish and Live Feeds Recirculating Systems for Inland Aquaculture – Year 3</i>	The ARC would like to see a full proposal. The ARC would like to see a very detailed budget in the full proposal concerning research supplies. Reviewers wondered if copepods could be included as part of the food fish.

14	<i>Aquaculture Career Choices in Middle School</i>	The ARC would like to see a full proposal. The ARC recommends reviewing the cost sharing level in the proposed budget.
15	<i>Florida Aquaculture-In the Classroom, In the Community, and In the Future</i>	The ARC would like to see a full proposal.
16	<i>Development of North Florida Aquaculture Program to Enhance Aquaculture Education</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.

**V. Election of Officers**

Election of officers was tabled until the next meeting.

**VI. ARC Officer Recognition**

Following the resignation of Alan Maxwell, the ARC committee members wanted to show their appreciation for his years of commitment and work. It was proposed that a plaque commemorating his service be presented to him.

**VII. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be set for the end of May or early June in Tallahassee.

**VIII. Adjourn**

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Submitted by Kim Norgren