

Aquaculture Review Council Meeting – June 4, 2007

Notice of Meeting

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

DATE AND TIME: Monday, June 4, 2007, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Division of Aquaculture, 1203 Governor's Square Boulevard, Conference Room, 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, 5th Floor
Tallahassee, Florida
June 4, 2007
9:30 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. MINUTES OF MEETING March 19, 2007
- III. OLD BUSINESS
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 - A Legislative Update
 - B. ARC input to 3 year plan
 - C. 2008-2009 Proposals for Aquaculture Projects
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VI. NEXT MEETING
- VII. ADJOURN

Meeting Minutes

Minutes Florida Aquaculture Review Council Meeting Division of Aquaculture Conference Room 1203 Governor's Square Boulevard, 5th Floor Tallahassee, Florida

June 4, 2007

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by ARC Vice-Chair, Brad McLane at 9:40 am.

Aquaculture Review Council (ARC) members present were:

Gene Evans	Food Fish
Jim Michaels	At-Large
Brad McLane, Vice-Chair	Aquatic Plants
Allen Register	Alligators
Dan Solano	Shellfish
Heath Davis	Commercial Fishing
Marty Tanner	Agriculture Advisory Council
Sherman Wilhelm	Chair, Aquaculture Interagency Coordinating Council (AICC)

Aquaculture Review Council (ARC) member absent was:

Donald Drawdy	Tropical Fish
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Guests present:

Craig Watson	Director Tropical Aquaculture Laboratory
Kevan Main	Mote Aquaculture
Shannon Washburn	University of Florida
Ashley Washburn	Riverview High School
Diane Lavarello	Riverview High School
Judy Meksraitis	Riverview High School
Effa Beautte	Riverview High School
Phyllis McCraine	Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS)
Dot Williamson	Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS)
Frank Chapman	University of Florida
Cortney Ohs	University of Florida
Uford Madden	Florida A&M University
David Boozer	Executive Director of the Florida Aquaculture Association
Ryan Gandy	Bay Shellfish
Curt Hemmel	Bay Shellfish
Kim Norgren	Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS)

II. Minutes

A motion was passed to accept the minutes of the ARC meeting of March 18, 2007 as written.

III. Old Business

There was no old business

IV. New Business

A. Legislative Update

1. Electricity excluded from Tax

Electricity for agricultural activities has been exempted from tax. This would include aquaculture and related activities such as packing and processing houses, as long as there is a separate meter for the facility.

2. Budget vetoes

During the recently completed legislative session, a budget was passed which included eight projects recommended by the ARC for 2007-2008. These projects were slated to begin July 1. The Governor has approved the budget vetoing the aquaculture projects. None of the projects recommended by the ARC were included in the 2007-2008 budget.

B. Division of Aquaculture 3 year Plan

The Division has been requested to come up with a three year plan and would like to hear from the ARC members what their expectations are for the Division of Aquaculture. Sherman Wilhelm asked the ARC Committee to consider what role and where they would like the Division of Aquaculture to be in three years and to communicate with their segment of the industry for input.

C. Discussion of 2007-2008 Vetoed Proposals

The ARC discussed whether the projects vetoed in the 2007-2008 budget should be included in any recommendations that the ARC makes for 2008-2009 fiscal budget. Three courses of action were considered: 1) Proceed with reviewing the current projects submitted for 2008-2009 as originally planned, 2) Re-approve last years proposals and postpone review of the current 2008-2009 proposals, 3) Review both the 2007-2008 vetoed proposals and the current 2008-2009 proposals to form a prioritized list from the combination.

A motion was passed, by the ARC Council, to review both years' projects and re-prioritize the projects for the 2008-2009 fiscal year budgets. Further, it was decided that the presentations scheduled for the current meeting would proceed, and a second meeting would be coordinated in July to review the 2007-2008 projects. Investigators for the 2007-2008 year proposals would be notified of the subsequent meeting to allow them the opportunity for making presentations.

A. D. 2008-2009 Proposals

Presentations were made to the ARC Committee on ten submitted projects as follows:

Project	Full Proposal Title	Presenter
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Number		
04	Aquaculture Marketing and Education	Joanne McNeely and Dot Williamson, <i>DACS-Bureau of Seafood</i>
05	Mass Scale Production of Copepods for Marine Aquaculture	Dr. Cortney L. Ohs, <i>University of Florida</i>
06	Evaluating, Implementing, and Building on Aquaculture in the Classroom: Water for Life, Water for People, Water for Farming	Dr. Shannon G. Washburn, <i>University of Florida</i>
07	Aquaculture Small Learning Community (Development and Implementation)	Judy Meksraitis, Effa Beattie, Diane Lavarello, Ashley Washburn <i>Riverview High School</i>
10	Commercial Farm Production of the Florida Bay Scallop (<i>Argopecten irradians</i> , Lamarck 1819), an Alternative Molluscan Aquaculture Species	Curt Hemmel, Dr. Ryan Gandy <i>Bay Shellfish</i>
11	Non-Native Aquatic Species and Aquaculture Research and Education	Craig Watson <i>Tropical Aquaculture Laboratory</i>
13	Design and Evaluation of Marine Fish and Live Feeds Recirculating Systems for Inland Aquaculture – Year 3	Kevan Main <i>Mote Marine Laboratory</i>
14	Aquaculture Career Choices in Middle School	Kim Norgren <i>DACS-Division of Aquaculture</i>
15	Florida Aquaculture-In the Classroom, In the Community, and In the Future	David Boozer <i>Florida Aquaculture Association</i>
16	Development of North Florida Aquaculture Program to Enhance Aquaculture Education	Uford Madden <i>Florida A&M University</i>

Following the presentations, there was a discussion about the projects submitted. Questions were asked about holding off on scoring. It was noted that, because of the process announced, the ARC must score projects today. The 2007-2008 projects will be scored at the July meeting.

V. Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for July 31, 2007 to be held at the Tropical Aquaculture Laboratory, 1408 24th Street, Southeast, Ruskin, Florida, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

VI. Adjourn

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Submitted by Kim Norgren