

Aquaculture Review Council Meeting – July 31, 2007

Notice of Meeting

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

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, July 31, 2007, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Tropical Aquaculture Lab, 1408 24th Street, S. E., Ruskin, FL 33570

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Council will be reviewing unfunded research projects submitted for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

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Meeting Agenda

FLORIDA AQUACULTURE REVIEW COUNCIL MEETING

**Tropical Aquaculture Laboratory
1408 24th Street Southeast,
Ruskin, Florida**

July 31, 2007
10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. MINUTES OF MEETING June 4, 2007
- III. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Full Proposals for Aquaculture Projects (2007-2008)
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VI. NEXT MEETING
- VII. ADJOURN

Minutes
Florida Aquaculture Review Council Meeting
Tropical Aquaculture Laboratory
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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by ARC Vice-Chair, Brad McLane at 10:05 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
Art Rawlins	Tropical Fish
Marty Tanner	Agriculture Advisory Council
Sherman Wilhelm	Chair, Aquaculture Interagency Coordinating Council (AICC)
Dan Solano	Shellfish

Aquaculture Review Council (ARC) member absent was:

Heath Davis	Commercial Fishing
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Guests present:

Craig Watson	Director Tropical Aquaculture Laboratory
Kevan Main	Mote Marine Laboratory
Megan Davis	Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute
Amber Shawl	Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute
Susan Swartzfager	Wildwood Middle School
Charisty Lee	Wildwood Middle School
Jane Davis	The Living Seas – Walt Disney World
Cortney Ohs	University of Florida
Uford Madden	Florida A&M University
David Boozer	Executive Director of the Florida Aquaculture Association
David Shepp	Mote Marine Laboratory
Craig Kasper	Hillsborough Community College
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 June 4, 2007 as written.

III. Old Business

There was no old business

IV. New Business

A. Legislative Update

Sherman encouraged members when grading the proposals to remember that the Governor has requested a 4% budget cut from each agency. He suggested looking at these proposals very carefully and grade accordingly. The legislatures will be returning September 18 to address a possible 800 million to 1 billion dollar shortfall. This signals that the budget is very tight. Projects should therefore be reviewed carefully and prioritized. Those scored below 65 will not be recommended to the Commissioner.

A. B. 2008-2009 Proposals

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

Project Number	Full Proposal Title	Presenter
01	Design and Evaluation of Marine Fish and Live Feeds Recirculating Systems for Inland Aquaculture – Year 2	Kevan Main <i>Mote Marine Laboratory</i>
02	Aquaculture Immersion Excursion: A Teacher Workshop Series for Integrating Aquaculture Education Into the Classroom	Megan Davis, Amber Shawl, <i>Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution</i>
03	Education Beneath the Surface: Water Quality and Animal Behavior Relationships	Susan Swartzfager, Charisty Lee <i>Wildwood Middle School</i>
04	Development of North Florida Aquaculture Program to Enhance Aquaculture Education	Uford Madden <i>Florida A&M University</i>
05	Aquaculture Education for Florida Teachers	Cortney Ohs, Craig Kasper, <i>University of Florida and Hillsborough Community College</i>

Following the presentations, there was a discussion about two of the projects submitted. In particular, there was concern that the two aquaculture curriculums being developed may overlap and duplicate the same work. Investigators for the programs described the different areas their projects were addressing, both indicating that there would be little duplication of work and effectiveness.

It was reiterated that the projects reviewed at the June 4th meeting would be combined with the proposals presented today and, following the ARC scoring guidelines, would be ranked as one group. Again, those scored below 65 would not be recommended.

Clarification on the voting agenda by board members was also discussed. It was noted that council members excluded themselves from consideration of grading on projects with which they are affiliated, to avoid any conflict of interest.

Council members also discussed looking at a balance of education and research projects. With few dollars available, it was suggested that a balance of both research and education programs would best support the industry.

Brad welcomed Art Rawlings to his first ARC meeting as a representative for the Tropical Fish Farmers.

V. Next Meeting

The next meeting was recommended to occur in the fall, possibly November, with the date to be determined.

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VI. Adjourn

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

Submitted by Kim Norgren