

Clam Industry Task Force Meeting – January 19, 2006

Notice of Meeting

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Aquaculture announces a meeting of the Clam Industry Task Force. Guests and other parties interested in participating should meet at the George Kirkpatrick Building, Room 130, Cedar Key, Florida.

Date: January 19, 2006

Time: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Place: George Kirkpatrick Building
11350 Southwest 153rd Court
Cedar Key, Florida 32625
Room 130

Purpose: This meeting will be an introductory meeting that will focus on meeting logistics, future meetings dates and times and introductions of members.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by contacting Rachelle Coleman at 1203 Governor's Square Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32301

(Phone 850-4033).

Meeting Agenda

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AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Task Force Purpose
- III. Member Introductions
- IV. Division of Aquaculture Staff Introductions
- V. Meeting Times
- VI. Logistics
 - a. Chair
 - b. Agenda
- VII. Division Red Tide Presentation
- VIII. Public Comment

- IX. Next Meeting
- X. Adjourn Clam Industry Task Force
- I. Shellfish Extension Planning Session

Meeting Minutes

Draft Minutes
CLAM INDUSTRY TASK FORCE
George Kirkpatrick Building, Room 130
Cedar Key, Florida

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I. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm. Sherman Wilhelm welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Clam Industry Task Force.

II. Task Force Purpose

Mr. Wilhelm stated the purpose of the task force was to improve and enhance communications (dialogue) between the clam industry and the Division of Aquaculture. Sue Colson on behalf of the Cedar Key Aquaculture Association's Board of Directors requested that a mission statement be adopted. Upon a motion and second, the motion to adopt a mission statement was adopted. The mission statement of the task force is:

Forum for clam industry members to have an open dialogue with DACS and each Other regarding any changes to policies, rules, or statutes pertaining to shellfish as well as address industry needs.

III. Member Introductions

Mr. Wilhelm asked the members of the task force and other attendees to state their name and affiliation.

Members Present

Rose Cantwell	Sue Colson
Ricky Cooke	Tony Heeb
Mike Hodges	Bill Lartz
Chris Topping	Dan Leonard
Joe Weissman	Rick Viele
Leslie Sturmer	Dan Salano

Members Absent

Charles Sembler
Billy Leeming

IV. Division of Aquaculture/DACS Staff Introductions

Mike Salario
Sherman Wilhelm
David Heil

Mark Berrigan
Mike Kuhman

Guests

Ed Mangano
Ewan Leighton

V. Meeting Times

The meeting time of the task force was discussed and agreed that afternoon sessions were best, that the meetings should be quarterly and should rotate from Cedar Key, Tallahassee, Charlotte Harbor, and Sebastian. Each meeting will be noticed according to the Florida Sunshine Act.

VI. Logistics

Meeting logistics were discussed with a preference given to having a rotating, meeting specific chair. The chair will be an industry representative from the area in which the meeting is being held. Agendas will be prepared by DACS and contain from one to three issues submitted to it by each area, any issues by DACS affecting shellfish policy, rules, laws, or budgets, including ISSC updates, as well as outstanding topics from previous meetings and a public comment period. There was extensive discussion over public comment and the desire to ensure that industry members should be encouraged to attend.

VII. Division Red Tide Presentation

David Heil presented power point presentation on Harmful Algal Blooms, their affects, options for handling outbreaks, and a request for industry input. The concept for sentinel stations was mentioned and discussion followed relative to establishing a pilot test of sentinel stations in Gasparilla Sound.

Mark Berrigan then briefed the task force on his bureau's activities, specifically the new BMPs for docks and the new dock legislation that went into affect on January 1, 2006, and that the division will be moving forward on training monitors for relaying during red tide so that more options will be available for growers next summer.

Several questions were raised concerning sampling stations and the monitoring sondes. David Heil answered that there was flexibility for sampling stations but that each one had its good and bad aspects, but that each must meet the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines set forth by FDA.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tallahassee as it will coincide with the Florida Legislative Session. A suggested day and time of March 21st after 1:00pm was offered and to be confirmed later after everyone's calendars were check. Three agenda items were requested, a water sampling lab in Cedar Key, a presentation by Bob Johnson of OALE, and lease security.

X. Adjournment

The Clam Industry Task Force adjourned at 3:20pm and moved immediately into the Shellfish Extension Planning Session.