

Notes from MTF R&D&E AC phone conference meeting
May 26, 2017
Call to order at ~9:04 am.

Present: Bob Foy, Jeff Hetrick, Mike Stekoll, Kate Sullivan

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 1, 9-10 AM ADT

Meeting started with discussing the Near Term Priorities document on Google Docs. Some discussion about Cynthia's added comments, especially on feasibility of hatcheries. We decided to add the information and link for the BC report.

We decided that Carter's suggestions w/r to satellites and buoys are good, but it seems not practical to have these as near term priorities and so they will be moved to Intermediate Priorities.

This led to a discussion about environmental information. There is a lot of information currently being collected and it is important for farmers and others to have easy access to relevant data. So we decided that a near term priority would be to address the issue of environmental data access. For example, having AOOS be a repository for these data. Some data such as a PSP analysis of specific farm produce is proprietary and not accessible to the public.

More discussion concerning the viability of standalone hatcheries. These are unlikely to be viable without some kind of subsidy. Most mariculture operations around the world include hatchery programs within their operations, for example, abalone farms. But we will keep that issue in the Near Term Priorities.

Going forward. Mike to ask everyone on the AC to read and comment on the Near Term document and he will send emails to individuals on the AC to remind each of their homework.

We decided to keep up with the weekly meetings for now. But we will move to Thursdays, still at 9-10 AKDT.

Adjourned at about 9:40 am.