

Notes from MTF R&D&E AC phone conference meeting  
June 1, 2017  
Call to order at ~9:03 am.

Present: Bob Foy, Jeff Hetrick, Mike Stekoll, Eric Wyatt, Cynthia Pring-Ham

**Next Meeting: Thursday, June 8, 9-10 AM AKDT**

Meeting started with discussing the Near Term Priorities document on Google Docs. Mike suggested we start at the beginning and work our way through the document. We agreed that near or short term meant the next 1-2 years.

Oysters: Discussion as to whether broodstock program was a priority. Cynthia questioned it, Jeff thought it could be a priority and Eric made a strong case for the need for an independent source of larvae. More discussion with final agreement to leave this in as a priority. Mike asked if we need a rationale for each research item.

Discussion then ensued w/r to PSP and Vibrio issues. We decided to move these to the Environmental section since these issues affect more than oysters. Discussion as to whether info from farms such as PSP should be made public. Yes, if it does not violate any privacy policies. Eric mentioned that DEC is having technical issues trying in their public communication. Eric also discussed the different ways PSP is taken up and its effect on various organisms – for example, the difference between deposit and filter feeders. Suggested putting in some language addressing this.

Mussels: as part of his discussion we decided to add another section: **Near term research priorities for education to promote regional scale mariculture opportunities in Alaska.** This would be researching ways to address mariculture issues to the community. Also we discussed including other value added products for mussels.

Crabs: These listed priorities came directly from the AKKRAB group. Bob has parsed this and has moved some items to intermediate term. Most of the remaining items are already in the works.

Seaweeds: Mike needs to rewrite this to stay away from commenting on regs and focus on needed research.

We are at IV. Near term research priorities for new species mariculture in Alaska

Note: I think it worked well to have everyone on the Google Docs document doing editing in real time. Let's try to keep doing it.

We decided to keep up with the weekly meetings for now. Thursday at 9-10 AKDT.

Adjourned at about 10:07 am.