



ASMI Certified Seafood Committee

Monday, August 11, 2025

1:00 pm-2:30 pm (AKST)

Virtual

Approved Minutes (on 11/07/2025)

I. Opening items

- a. Call to order at 1:00 PM (Alaska Time)
- b. Roll call: Mark Fina, Tom Sunderland, Matt Tinning, Scott Goodman, Kacy Cole, Michael "MJ" Jackson, Julie Decker, Hannah Lindoff, Allen Kimball, Tomi Marsh, Jeremy Woodrow.
Members absent: Mark Pedersen
Others present: Jeff Regnart, Tricia Sanguinetti, Mike Kraft, Kristy Clement, Jenny McDowell, Madi Boewe, Sydney Almgren, Ann Robertson, Amy Dukes, Hannah Schlosstein, Heather Johnson-Smith
- c. Approval of agenda: Kimball made a motion to approve the agenda. MJ seconded. All were in favor.

II. New Business

- a. Elections – **Chair Mark Fina and Vice Chair Tom Sunderland**
Lindoff nominated Mark Fina for chair; Tinning seconded.
Fina nominated Tom Sunderland for vice chair; Kimball seconded.
- b. General discussion of the goals of this committee:
There was extensive discussion on defining the committee's role and name. Consensus formed around supporting Alaska's fisheries certification while maintaining broader scope beyond just CSI. Chair Fina shared his screen and typed notes of the discussion. It will be shared and reviewed then discussed at the next meeting, which will ideally be in person at All Hands on Deck in November in Anchorage.
- c. Certified Seafood International update by Mike Kraft. Kraft shared a PowerPoint presentation. New board members added to the CSI Board, including Klaus Nielsen (former Espersen CEO) and Sally Roach (Aldi South). The partner program fee model was approved, shifting costs away from harvesters.
- d. ASMI/CSI Marketing efforts – Tricia shared announcements and promotions. Alaska herring assessment in progress with draft report expected by month end. Marketing efforts progressing with website launch and packaging transitions
- e. MSC V3.0 update and discussion – Sept 10 is deadline. Kristy Clement shared that AFDF is working on a response letter.
- f. Monterey Bay Seafood Watch Ratings of the BS Crab fisheries.

The Monterey Bay Seafood Watch recently released ratings for Bering Sea crab that showed improvement over previous assessments, though not reaching the "green" level the industry had hoped for.

Key points from the discussion:

- i. The process has been ongoing for about 2.5 years
- ii. Monterey Bay adopted a new approach with draft reports for public consultation
- iii. Scott and the Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation engaged directly with Seafood Watch:
 1. Conducted a non-public review
 2. Provided transparent and critical feedback
 3. Highlighted inaccuracies in their assessment

Results:

- iv. Among the 9 stocks assessed, none received "red" ratings
- v. Some stocks received "yellow" ratings that industry still considers problematic
- vi. Strong industry letters were submitted from Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers (ABSC), Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation (BSFRF), and the Aleutians King Crab Foundation (AKCRF).
- vii. Public comment period closed August 4th, and Seafood Watch is currently reviewing comments

Jeff noted that no other Alaska fisheries appear on Monterey Bay's upcoming assessment schedule, suggesting they're likely a couple of years away from reviewing another Alaska fishery.

- g. Next meeting: Perhaps before Tokyo event, Oct. 20th. Share what Chair Fina typed up as well as the MOU on GSA. Kimball asked the committee to think about what they want to bring to the board's attention. Chair Fina said he wants to discuss GSA and keeping relationship alive.

- III. Vice Chair Sunderland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. MJ seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 2:51 PM.