



Seafood Technical Committee  
All-Hands on Deck Meeting  
9:00 AM AK  
November 7th, 2025  
500 West 3rd Ave, Anchorage, AK

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- I. Welcome and Roll Call
  - a. Antitrust Statement

Burrows reads the antitrust statement and directs attendees to the ASMI website for the full statement.
  - b. Roll Call
    - i. Members present
      1. Chair Monique Moore
      2. Vice Chair Max Kenagy
      3. Board Liaison Chris Sannito
      4. Michael Kohan
      5. Manish Patel
      6. Brian Himmelbloom
      7. Cindy Luna
      8. Christina Mireles DeWitt
      9. Brandii O'Reagan
      10. Jonathan Gonzalez
      11. John Lin
      12. Scott McKenzie
      13. Jeremy Ayers (representing Kim Stryker)
    - ii. Others Present
      1. Garrett Evridge
      2. Taylor Holshouser
      3. Tommy Sheridan

4. Jessica Gephart
  5. Margaret Malkoski
  6. Kiran Fontana
  7. Christoff Furin
  8. Jenny McDowell (ASMI)
  9. Matthew Arnoldt (ASMI)
- c. Approval of Minutes and Agenda  
Motion made by Michael to approve minutes, with Scott seconding. Minutes are approved. Brandii motions to approve agenda, Scott seconds and agenda is approved.
- d. Chair remarks  
Monique welcomes new member John Lin of Pacific Seafoods.
- e. Public Comment
- i. No public comment

## II. Old Business

- a. SeaMark/IOC updates: Garrett Evridge, Taylor Holshouser
  - i. Partners from SeaMark provided an overview of ongoing efforts in the utilization/value-added space as ASMI awaits release of SK funds for project developing these.
- b. Alaska Research Consortium: Michael Kohan
  - i. Michael Kohan gives an overview of projects at ARC and the areas of greater collaboration possible between ASMI and ARC. The group discussed the potential for KSMSC to host equipment testing and byproduct conferences, with ARC facilitating these events. Michael requests that ASMI Technical commits to donations for 5 years of \$10k USD each, beginning with FY 26. Christina motions to approve, and Brandii seconds. Motion carries and ASMI Technical agrees to commit these funds.
- c. National Fisheries Institute Regulatory Update: Margaret Malkoski
  - i. Margaret Malkoski presented on various seafood industry issues, including import challenges, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and the FDA FSMA 204 traceability rule. She explained the impact of new import alerts related to cesium contamination in Indonesian seafood products and discussed the implementation of import certificates for affected shipments. Margaret also covered the delayed compliance date for the traceability rule, now set for July 20, 2028, and

emphasized the importance of companies preparing their systems accordingly. She concluded by mentioning NFI's ongoing efforts to support industry compliance through resources, training, and a survey aimed at gathering data on industry needs. Margaret also announced that she and Lisa Weddig are retiring, and Lisa's role will be replaced by John Woody

- d. University of Washington Carbon Study: Dr. Jessica Gephart and Kiran Fontana
  - i. The meeting focused on a carbon footprint study for Alaska fisheries, with Dr. Jessica Gephart and Kiran Fontana presenting an overview of the project. The project aims to provide estimates for species that do not already have their own lifecycle assessments, focusing on the harvest phase and Scope 1 emissions. Kiran outlined the specific data requirements for the study, including fuel use intensity, gear type, and catch data, while noting which pieces of information are required and which are preferred. The team also discussed the importance of considering methodological decisions such as mass versus economic allocation and live weight equivalent versus edible weight functional units. Committee members will review survey and provide feedback. ASMI to consider incentives for participants.
- e. Update on Applied Investigations, Materials, Trade Education
  - Burrows provides an update on various program operations.

### III. New Business

- a. Committee Roundtable
- b. Technical Topics
  - i. Generic Certificates of Analysis for Export
    - 1. Burrows outlines that this is a board request looking at lab CoA's on a per species category for certain markets. Some are getting requests on a per-shipment basis, others say the standard is more in the vein of 1 year. Brandii and Frank highlighted that a larger CoA on per-species basis would be unworkable in current formats. A CoA for heavy metal and chemical contaminants could be possible, as well as nutritional, but they tend to be very unique. ASMI Technical will look into a general form for contaminants and nutrition, check with USDC

ii. Salmon Quality Specs/Guides

1. Burrows gives an overview of ASMI's existing salmon Quality Specs document and how it is in need of an update. Brandii outlines some mockups of updates that she has drafted, including images.
2. In addition, the group discussed the need to update some existing information on industry materials (trim guides, quality-handling guides, specs). Burrows to allocate budget to that in upcoming FY.
3. Highlighting safety culture is listed as a priority to be addressed with materials.

iii. Surimi Issue and DNA Barcoding

Burrows discussed a recent issue where barcoding linking surimi to presence of DNA from a banned species. The study's findings were discussed, and it was determined to not be an issue of concern based on the equipment used and the outcomes.

iv. Processing Tech Demo/Expo

Burrows highlighted a Board request that ASMI Technical facilitate an event with processing technologists, ideally in Alaska or at least in PNW. This would provide a chance for collaboration of QA/QC in AK and machinists. On discussion with SeaMark, opinions were had that there was more value in sending QA/QC to companies than vice versa. IQF pollock and a machine solution for nematodes were the two examples discussed.

c. Answering Board/Species Questions

- i. Species asks and answers to the questions from the ASMI Board were discussed with answers being communicated both verbally and in writing to the ASMI Board

d. Chair Elections

- i. In discussion, Manish Patel was put forward by the group as chair. Patel agreed to serve if elected. Nomination was put forward by DeWitt and seconded by Frank. Manish is made Chair.
- ii. Brandii is willing to serve as vice-chair, and is nominated by Cindy, seconded by Scott. Brandii is elected Vice-Chair.

IV. Good of the Order and Next Meeting

- a. Next meeting will be in Spring, either in Seattle or online with details tbd.  
Michael motions to adjourn and Brian seconds. Meeting is adjourned.