



SEAFOOD TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Monday, April 22, 2024

Virtual

DRAFT MINUTES

- I. Technical Program Director John Burrows welcomed everyone, and the meeting began at 9:02 AM Alaska Time. Chair Moore read the Antitrust Statement.
 - a. Heather Johnson-Smith did the roll call:
Present: Chair Monique Moore, Vice Chair Max Kenagy, Brandii O'Reagan, Joe Logan, Tiffany Lake, Michael Kohan, Dr. Christina Mireles DeWitt, Jonathan Gonzalez, Cindy Luna, Scott McKenzie, Bruce Odegaard (non-voting), Jeremy Ayers (for Kimberly Stryker, non-voting)
Not present: Hart Schwarzenbach, Chris Sannito (who is now on the ASMI Board).
A quorum was established.
Also present: Claudia Coles, Heidi Reifenstein, Dr. Christoff Furin, Margaret Malkoski (NFI), 206-661-8532
 - b. Moore moved to approve the agenda and the minutes from November 3, 2023. O'Reagan seconded. There was discussion to amend the agenda by moving the budget proposal up to ensure the quorum. Kohan moved to approve the amended agenda; Logan seconded.
 - c. No public comment.
- (III. New Business, c. 2025 Budget Proposal)
Burrows presented the FY25 proposed budget. He gave a program update and overview: Outreach Materials - new nutrition videos, hatchery fact sheet update, ADFG materials (bycatch materials), SK materials; Trade Education - PFT, Surimi School, SotSS, Parasites, USDC Efforts, Regulatory Comments on NOAA Draft Supplemental, Care and Handling of Salmon; Applied Investigations - SK's current and future (potential), Chef Sensory, UCONN Breast Cancer Survivors, OSU Wastewater Recovery, OSU Chef Sensory and Consumer Sensory, New UW parasite study, Herring, Packaging.

Program Operations: \$213,000; Trade Education: \$30,000; Support Materials: \$60,000; Applied Investigations: \$87,000 = Total of \$390,000. **O'Reagan made a motion to accept the seafood technical budget as presented. Kenagy seconded. All were in favor.**
- II. Old Business
 - a. Burrows spoke to the Seafood Technical committee makeup with the appointment of Chris Sannito to the ASMI Board. Burrows thanked Sannito for his many years of service to the committee as an ex officio member. Burrows asked the committee to be thinking of people to ask to apply to the committee in the ex officio capacity.
 - b. Regulatory Update
 - i. Margaret Malkoski of NFI shared a power point presentation on the traceability rule and gave a summary of NOAA Outreach, and the meetings in Seattle, WA and Worcester, MA.
 - c. Project/Program Updates
 - i. Dr. Christoff "Buck" Furin of ADEC provided a Summary of Data on the Contaminants and Nutrients in Alaska Commercial Fish NOAA S-K Grant (power point presentation).
 - d. There was nothing else for the good of the order.

III. New Business

a. USDC/NOAA Discussion

- i. Guest Speaker Claudia Coles of SPA asked for feedback on how things are working for those who have been able to meet with Steve Wilson about SIP - was it beneficial? Burrows brought up topics of known concern like registration for certification and storage time caps overseas, Grade A Standards (pollock), exceeding standards of relevant authority when auditing on behalf of other entities. Margaret Malkoski commented on their inconsistencies. Burrows said yes, between SPA, NFI and ASMI, what actionable items can we do on behalf of others on this call so that product is not being thrown away. Lake asked if there is still a push for USDA to be involved. Coles commented that it appears communication has not improved. Burrows echoed and asked industry to reach out to him and Coles with a list of the issues. Luna commented that they have been keeping SPA in the loop and sent her a list and noted that it is a constant battle with USDA. O'Reagan agreed on lack of communication when it comes to sensory evaluation and its arbitrariness. Odegaard asked if only one person is doing the sensory evaluation or two that could work in collaboration. O'Reagan said it was just one person and no offer of second opinion, and there is concern about questioning.

b. Biofuels from Alaska Seafood Discussion

- i. Guest speakers Felix Leworthy and Anthony Wang of ETFuels from UK. ETFuels is seeking to work with Alaska seafood processors to use raw material in a biofuel plant in Alaska. The information they need (location of plants and how much material) will become available after SK Grant approval.

c. Forthcoming and Recent Technical Topics/Roundtable

- i. Parasites – Burrows said we've been working on updating existing materials that do have quality implications and making sure we have info about parasites and best quality practices.
- ii. Nutrition – Burrows has reached out to Heidi (artist) about putting ADEC/Buck's data into graphics for consumer outreach. **DeWitt offered to review the drafts.**
- iii. Odegaard shared that he has been in discussion about MOAH, mineral oil hydroxylates, with Stefan who is monitoring it in Europe, and if anything comes up, he will let Burrows know.

IV. Next Meeting and Adjourn

- a. DeWitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Moore seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:22 AM Alaska Time.