Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

Seafood Technical Committee Meeting Draft Minutes

ORGANIZATION: Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI)
DATE: Tuesday, May 12, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Pacific Time
LOCATION: Virtual

I. Call to Order

Chair Patel calls meeting to order at 9 PST

II. Roll Call

a. Committee Members Present

Chair Manish Patel, Vice Chair Brandii O'Reagan, Monique Moore, Max Kenagy, Michael Kohan, Tiffany Lake, Brian Himmelbloom, Cindy Luna, Chirstina Mireles-DeWitt, Scott McKenzie

b. Others Present

John Burrows (ASMI), Heather Johnson-Smith(ASMI), Gina Mortillaro (NSA), Claudia Coles (SPA)

III. Antitrust Statement

Burrows reads the antitrust statement and directs anyone seeking the full statement to the ASMI website.

IV. Approval of Previous Minutes

a. O'Reagan approves and Kohan seconds, minutes are approved.

V. Approval of Agenda

a. O'Reagan approves and Kohan seconds, agenda is approved.

VI. Public Comment

a. No public comment.

VII. New Business

a. National Fisheries Institute Presentation-Gina Mortillaro

i. Gina Mortillaro of NSA presents on relevant forthcoming regulations and rules, including NOAA updates (EU Catch, the Seafood Inspection Service Portal, a replacement for Steven Wilson), import issues, FDA regulatory updates (FSMA Traceability Rule), comments to the government (shellfish definition, *Sebastes* nomenclature), MAHA initiatives, the Farm Bill, Office of Seafood in USDA,

b. FY27 Technical Program Budget Presentation

i. Burrows presents the proposed budget for FY27. Moved to approve by DeWitt, and seconded by O'Reagan and budget is approved. In addition, Burrows highlighted the various program activities,

c. Industry update roundtable

i. The group discussed various relevant issues brought by committee members including the NOAA handbook and human-food use of herring

VIII. Old Business and Good of the Order

a. Sushi Council

i. Burrows speaks on the NSA Sushi Council and ASMI Technical's involvement in it going forward.

IX. Adjournment

The group targets October as the next meeting date. DeWitt motions to approve and O'Reagan seconds. Meeting adjourned.