



Seafood Technical Committee
All-Hands on Deck Meeting
9:00 AM PST
April 30, 2025
4019 21st Ave W, Seattle, WA & Virtual

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Members Present: Chair Monique Moore, Vice Chair Max Kenagy, Chris Sannito (ASMI BOD), Michael Kohan, Christina Mireles-DeWitt, Brian Himelbloom, Cindy Luna, Scott McKenzie, Jonathan Gonzalez, Manish Patel, Brandii O'Reagan, Tiffany Lake. (Ex Officio Kimberly Stryker not present.)
Others Present: Margaret Malkoski (NFI), Allen Kimball (Chair of ASMI Board), Jeremy Woodrow (ASMI Executive Director), John Burrows (ASMI Technical Director)
 - b. Antitrust Statement

Antitrust Statement is read by Burrows.
 - c. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Due to restrictions on time, the budget presentation is moved from Old Business to New in order to facilitate those only able to attend the start of the meeting. Max moves to approve agenda and Manish seconds. Motion carries and agenda is approved.

Max also motions to approve minutes from previous meeting at All-Hands, and Manish seconds. Motion carries and minutes are approved.
 - d. Public Comment

No public comment is issued.
- II. New Business
 - a. Budget Presentation

Burrows goes over the proposed budget. Manish motions to approve and Brian seconds, motion carries, and budget is approved.
 - b. Regulatory Update by the National Fisheries Institute

Margaret Malkoski provides an FDA regulatory update for the seafood industry. She discusses recent changes to histamine standards, allergen

labeling, and the new definition of "healthy" for food products. Malkoski highlights opportunities for seafood companies to comment on proposed rules regarding plant-based alternatives and front-of-package nutrition labeling.

The delay of the implementation of FSMA traceability rule is discussed. The attendees discussed the importance of this delay, which gives companies more time to understand the rule and coordinate with their supply chain partners. They also emphasized the need for companies to continue working on their traceability plans and updating their master data quality.

Margaret discussed the new White House Commission's focus on promoting the seafood category to improve life expectancy in the US. She also highlighted the increasing number of state food ingredient bans and FDA's involvement in phasing out petroleum-based synthetic dyes. Margaret mentioned California's date labeling mandate and encouraged companies to follow the news for potential advantages.

c. Committee Roundtable

Burrows updates on the discussion around chlorination on new tenders and the set dialogue with PSPA on the topic.

RTE Best Practices were discussed, with Burrows having connected with Chuck Anderson on recommendations for committee members to reach out to.

Board Chairman Allen Kimball speaks to the group about a joint event with fishery processing technologists in order to facilitate dialogue with industry members seeking to update their processing lines. The committee agrees to evaluate an appropriate venue for this.

III. Old Business

a. Program Overview and Update from All-Hands

Burrows provides a program overview, highlighting the continued efforts in the SK Programs, the contract work for the U Washington study, and continuing efforts in the creation of new materials including videos and collateral materials.

IV. Good of the Order and Next Meeting

The next meeting is set to be in October 2025, at a pre-All-Hands Meeting. Christina moves to adjourn and Brian seconds. Meeting is adjourned.