

Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) Committee Meeting

Friday, March 10, 2017 at 2:30 PM PST

Via Conference Call

Committee Members Present

Larry Cotter

Mark Fina

Glenn Reed

Stefanie Moreland

Jim Gilmore

Scott Goodman

Julie Decker

Ron Rogness

Dave Benton

Tomi Marsh

Duncan Fields

Others

Susan Marks / ASMI Sustainability Director

Alexa Tonkovich / ASMI Exec Director

Jeff Regnart / Fisheries Consultant

Tricia Sanguinetti / ASMI Consultant

Meeting was called to order @ 2:36 pm

**Opening Items**

**Agenda:** **Reed made a motion to approve agenda; motion seconded by Fina**

**Chair remarks**: Cotter stated the purpose of the meeting is to discuss what will be presented to the ASMI Board at Monday’s meeting regarding the status and recommendations for RFM Program.

**Public Comment** / no public comment

**Minutes:** **motion to approve the minutes by Reed; seconded by Decker. Substitute motion made to delay the approval of the minutes until next meeting. Motion made by Reed; seconded by Moreland.**

**Executive Session**

**2:35 pm Reed motioned to move into executive session; Decker seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.**

**Back to public session @ 3:35**

**The following motion was made by Benton; seconded by Reed**

**The RFM Committee makes the following requests to the Board:**

1. **Requests the Board express its clear intent to transition the RFM program to a new entity as was presented in the Transition Report (dated October 2016), and that this transition would be targeted for July 1, 2018.**
2. **The committee requests that the Board affirm the committee’s continuing work on the complete review of the Quality Management System (QMS) with the intention to improve the document; including the policies & procedures.**
3. **The committee requests that the Board instruct the committee to work closely with the Commissioner of the Department of Commerce on funding matters and other matters as laid out in the Transition Report.**

**Intentions:**

**Regarding #1: The Committee recognizes through the expression of intent to transition the RFM program that is doesn’t preclude the option for the Board to make a decision to retain ownership; however, it does signal a clear intent to make that transition if the conditions for the transition are acceptable**

**Regarding #3: The Committee recognizes the transition has potentially significant fiscal implications for the State of AK, ASMI and the RFM Program, and the Committee believes it is appropriate to work with the Commissioner because his role encompasses setting clear fundamental goals in the broader debate regarding the State budget.**

**Reed motioned to adjourn the meeting; Gilmore seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.**