



# BRISTOL BAY

Regional Seafood Development Association

## **BBRSDA Board Meeting Minutes DRAFT**

March 9, 2022 - 11:00am AKT

Teleconferenced

### **1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum**

President Jackson called the meeting to order at 11:03am AKT. Present were board members O'Neill, Niver, Johnson, Ure, and Wilson; guests Mark Buckley, John Webb, Nicholas Dowie, Izzy Ross, and Sam Gardner; members Janis Harsila and Doug Morgan; and staff members Bursch, Dunn, Machain and Wink. **A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.**

*Art Bloom, John Fairbanks, Steve Mahoney, and Tim Cook all joined the call mid-meeting at various times.*

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Ure moved and O'Neill seconded to approve the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

### **3. Approval of Previous Minutes**

#### **a. February 24, 2022**

Johnson moved and O'Neill seconded to approve the minutes from February 24, 2022. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

### **4. Member Comments**

Buckley updated the board about a topic that is going to be discussed in Quality Committee about a potential scholarship program to get more RSW techs into the Bay with the goal of encouraging more young people into the industry.

Wink gave an update on 2 member comments received and included in the meeting materials. One was an inquiry on whether BBRSDA is addressing a company called Wild Type looking at making cell cultivated salmon for sushi. Wink responded directly to let the member know we are aware of it. The remaining member comment was thanking the board and staff for all of their work in organizing the new election and voting procedures.

## **5. Executive Director Report**

Wink was available for any questions on the ED report and highlighted that letters of support for expanding the H2B visa program were sent out today to both Washington Senators.

Wilson moved to approve the ED report as presented. Seconded by O'Neill.  
**MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

## **6. Program Updates & Committee Business**

### **a. Finance**

#### **i. Approve Q4 Financials**

The finance committee has reviewed and recommended the Q4 2021 Financials to the full board for approval. Machain gave a brief overview of the Q4 2021 Financials highlighting notable items and was available for any questions.

O'Neill moved and Niver seconded to approve the Q4 2021 Financials. Roll call vote:

Yea: Ure, Johnson, Wilson, Niver, O'Neill

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **b. Sustainability**

Wink updated the board about a NOAA grant program that could potentially provide funding to address Nushagak Chinook issues. He has been in touch with various involved parties and looking into writing a grant application along with ADF&G. The deadline is March 21<sup>st</sup> and there is potential that one or more components could be awarded grant funding, but it may be a long shot.

### **c. Outreach**

#### **i. KDLG Fisheries Report Proposal**

KDLG is requesting \$50,000 from BBRSDA to produce 5 Bristol Bay Fisheries Report shows daily from mid-June through July 2022. This would also include hiring a director and two full-time reporters for the summer, including wages and housing stipends. The board has already approved \$37,500 in the initial

budget approval for this project so this would need a motion to increase the project budget by \$12,500.

Izzy Ross and Sam Gardner from KDLG were available to speak more about the proposal details and answer any questions.

Johnson moved to approve the proposal with the budget increasing to \$50,000. Seconded by Ure. Roll call vote:

Yea: Ure, Johnson, Wilson, Niver, O'Neill

Nay: none

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**d. Quality**

Bursch gave a preview of the upcoming Quality committee meeting. Presentations will include: Northern Economics presenting the results from the 2021 Processor Survey, a presentation from Picolce, and a presentation by Seafood Analytics on the CAR reader results and dashboard. There will also be discussion about the RSW apprentice program and a proposal for RSW tech scholarships.

**e. Marketing**

Dunn updated the board about the upcoming Seafood Expo North America show in Boston next week. We also currently have chef demos happening at Kroger grocery stores in the south and southeast regions.

**7. Executive Session**

Ure moved and Niver seconded to move into Executive Session at 12:34pm AKT. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ure moved and Johnson seconded to exit Executive Session at 2:03pm PST. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8. Miscellaneous Business**

**a. Board Candidate Forum**

This zoom webinar format Candidate Forum is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm AKT. This event will be moderated by Bob King, broadcast live by KDLG, and the questions are being provided and vetted through legal counsel. There is a practice session scheduled for March

16<sup>th</sup> for staff and candidates to work out any technical or logistical kinks in the process.

**b. Election Polices & Procedures**

Staff recommended revisions to the Election Policies & Procedures, which were provided in the meeting materials. A few members have asked questions about how ranked choice votes are counted, so staff has worked with legal advisors to craft procedural language clarifying how ranked choice votes are counted. Staff also recommended minor changes to the Election Timeline to have a little extra time to count votes and create the election report, as well as a clearer deadline for counting paper votes. Staff has contracted with Cashion Gilmore & Lindemuth, our legal representation, to do the counting and tallying of votes.

Wilson moved and Johnson seconded to approve the revisions to the election timeline and updated policies and procedures as recommended by staff. Roll call vote:

Yea: Ure, Johnson, Wilson, Niver, O'Neill

Nay: none

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**c. BBRSDA Advisory Panel Proposal**

John Webb and Doug Morgan were on the call to speak to their proposal. Morgan gave a brief overview of the proposal, written loosely intentionally. The goal is to have a group outside of the Board to deal with topics such as foregone harvest and bring them to the BBRSDA Board for approval and action. They also suggested to create a panel that allows more fleet involvement within the discussions.

Ure was in favor of this idea in theory but recommended that this be discussed and vetted through the Outreach committee prior to going to the full board for approval. Wink agreed that this could fit well in the Outreach Committee and Jackson was in favor of letting this move through the committee process as it is not time sensitive.

**9. Future Meeting Dates**

Jackson let the board know to expect some communication around the transitioning of old and new board members.

March 13-15 – Seafood Expo North America, Boston

March 17-19 – Alaska Food Policy Council Conference (virtual)

April 26-28 – Seafood Expo Global, Barcelona

June TBD – Spring BBRSDA In-Region Board Meeting, Staff will be in touch regarding dates and logistics as we learn more

Future Agenda Items:

- SC: Graduate Research Program Proposal
- SC: Clean Beaches topic
- FC: Reserve Investment Strategy
- OC: BB Advisory Panel

Jackson thanked board members, guests, committee members, and staff.

## **10. Adjourn**

Ure moved and Johnson seconded to adjourn at 1:03pm AKT. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*Total meeting time: 2 hours*

*Board members in attendance: Jackson, Johnson, Niver, O'Neill, Ure, Wilson*