



BRISTOL BAY

Regional Seafood Development Association

BBRSDA Board Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2021 – 8:00 am AKT

Teleconferenced

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum

Chairman Jackson called to order at 8:01am AKT. Present were committee members O'Neill, Jackson, Johnson, and Temple; and staff members Bursch, Dunn, Machain and Wink. **A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.** Board member Ure joined the call at 8:10am AKT and board member Niver joined the call at 8:15am AKT.

2. Approval of Agenda

O'Neill moved and Johnson seconded to approve the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.** Committee assignments were updated to switch Temple and Ure between Marketing and Outreach.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

a. May 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Johnson moved and O'Neill seconded to approve the meeting minutes from May 22, 2021. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

4. Affirmation of BBRSDA President

Johnson moved and Temple seconded to approve the election of Jackson as the BBRSDA President. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

5. Member Comments

No comments were submitted, and staff did not receive any requests to get the call-in information for today's meeting.

The board discussed the topic of over-escapement in the Ugashik region. Jackson requested that BBRSDA take the lead on engaging with all stakeholders and fishermen in discussions on this issue.

6. Executive Director Report

Temple moved and Johnson seconded to approve the Executive Director Report. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

7. BBRSDA Committee Assignments

Per BBRSDA Policy, the Board President makes committee appointments and the Board then confirms committee appointments. Committee assignments are as follows:

<u>Marketing</u>	<u>Outreach</u>	<u>Quality</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>Finance</u>	<u>Governance</u>
Patrick	Reba	Mark	Fritz	Reba	Fritz
Nels	Fritz	Reba	Nels	George	Nels
George	Mark	Patrick	Mark	Patrick	George

Ure moved and Johnson seconded to approve the FY22 committee assignments as proposed by President Jackson. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

Placing 3 additional committee members to the MC, QC, OC, and SC has been a goal of the BBRSDA for over a year now, but ideally those new committee members should be placed as soon as possible. Committees are free to add their own members, up to their allotted total.

8. Discussion of Priority Project Needs to 2022

- Jackson brought up the topic of over-escapement and Wink suggested that it can be funded from Discretionary for now and can be formalized, if needed, during budget time.
- Johnson brought up smolt counting and to what extent we do it. Jackson will follow up with Chris Boatright and get his input on it and this can be brought up with the Sustainability Committee.

9. Program Updates & Committee Business

a. Finance

i. Financial Snapshot & Contract Status Update

Machain presented the financial snapshot and contract status update.

ii. Q2 2021 Financials

Machain presented the Q2 2021 Financial highlighting notable items.

Temple moved and Johnson seconded to approve the financial report as presented. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

Jackson requested for the Finance Committee to prepare a statement regarding the current year budget and deficit spending.

b. Sustainability

- Wink gave an update on the intensive work and collaboration efforts over the summer to protect sockeye salmon habitat. He thinks we will see traction in the coming months on getting legislation to protect habitat and continue the push for 404c action.
- Wink informed the board that the State of Alaska Legislature passed a budget amendment to fund most activities covered by the BB Fisheries Collaborative for the next couple years. This will save us between \$150K to \$270K per year over the next couple years and hopefully it can be made into a permanent thing. Senator Hoffman was the driving force behind this. Michael Link has been in touch with their office about getting funding to offset BBFC costs and Wink discussed the issue with Senator Hoffman and his Chief of Staff at a lunch in January 2020.

i. Lynker Hydrological Model - Change to proposal

Mr. Wobus has secured funding for \$40K, including our \$25K (approved earlier this spring). The original scope called for total funding of \$100K. With the reduced funding, here's what would be dropped: a) less model calibration, b) no simulations run, c) publishing in a scientific journal, and d) no outreach and training on the model.

Cam Wobus joined the call at 8:55am AKT.

Mr. Wobus updated the board about the discussions with NOAA and the coordination with them to develop climate baseline and future climate inputs for what they want to do. The idea is to have a model up and running for the next time a mining proposal comes along; and it would also be well poised to do climate change analysis. The reduced scope would remove community engagement and flashy publications but once the model is built it can be presented to stakeholders for future

buy-in. The board agreed that making this a public document in the future would be helpful.

Johnson moved and Temple seconded to approve the Lynker Hydro model change of scope and move forward with this project. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

c. Quality

i. 2021 Processor Survey Proposal

Bursch walked through the 2020 processor survey results from NEI highlighting the key takeaways:

- 94% of the raw product purchased from the drift fleet in 2020 was chilled (highest % chilled on record).
- The trend in the distribution of raw product flowing into each product form appears to have shifted in 2020 which could be a result of a change in the survey or due to COVID-19, canned and fillet production increased and fresh and frozen H&G decreased.
- RSW chilled 82.5% of the drift catch, ice chilled 11.2% and the remaining 6.4% were delivered dry.

Marcus Hartley joined the call at 9:15am AKT.

Johnson appreciates seeing the comments for us and fishermen in the survey results. Jackson pointed out some wording regarding slush ice vs. RSW chilled fish. The board discussed whether this was anecdotal and necessary to include in the report. The consensus was that it was not additive to include an opinion on which is better without providing scientific facts to back up the claim.

There were no questions on the proposal itself.

Temple moved and O'Neill seconded to approve the proposal from NEI for a processor survey in fall 2021. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

d. Marketing

Dunn gave an update that we are able to go public with our Kraken partnership on Sept 1st; and updated the board about our press release for our BBNC / Bambino's partnership.

i. Mug Up Exhibit Proposal

Katie Ringsmuth joined the call at 9:44am AKT.

Ms. Ringsmuth gave the board a brief background on herself and about the exhibit itself. O'Neill asked how this lines up with our mission statement and Ms. Ringsmuth pointed out a whole section of the exhibit would be dedicated to the history of marketing seafood, specifically canned salmon. Jackson asked about the contributions from the processing community and Ms. Ringsmuth responded that most of her funding was through grants and private donations. The board appreciated the detailed and thorough proposal and wants staff to encourage this project to reach out to processors and other industry stakeholders for the remainder of funding.

O'Neill moved that we offer \$5,000 in donation to this project, to be funded from Discretionary. Seconded by Niver. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

e. Outreach

i. Fishermen's Profile Outreach

Staff would like to ask for the board's help in building a list of fishermen to ask for a fishermen's profile. Our marketing experts tell us content that features fishermen gets the most engagement and fishermen's profiles are one of the ways we collect this content. If each board member can nominate 2 fellow fishermen to make a profile and share their contact information with staff, we will follow up with them about it.

10. Executive Session

No executive session was necessary.

11. Miscellaneous Business

a. Meeting stipends for Committee members

A proposal was provided in the meeting packet with the basic goal of encouraging robust participation by committee members and set aside funding to pay for their time, as productive committees are integral to BBRSDA success.

Johnson moved and Ure seconded to support the \$100 meeting stipend for committee members as presented in the packet. A roll call vote was requested:

Ure: yea

Temple: yea

O'Neill: yea

Niver: yea

Johnson: yea

Motion carries 5-0.

12. Future Agenda Items

Wink updated the board that staff has compiled a list of committee and board topics, to save time he will send the full list via email. Some notable topics include:

- Closed out projects – this will flow through committees and questions can be brought to the full board
- Retirement benefit program for staff
- Changes to board elections to allow electronic voting
- Revisit mission statement and strategic plan
- Audit and 990 tax return review and approval
- Removal of a director by a board vote
- Governance committee – Jackson will send an email to the GC and plan the meeting date

13. Review and Plan Future Event & Meeting Dates

October 22, 2021 – Board Meeting

Originally the board decided on Oct. 20th but this was later changed

November 17, 2021 – Board Meeting, Silvercloud/PME

November 18, 2021 – Member Meeting, Silvercloud/PME

November 18-20, 2021 - PME

14. Adjourn

O'Neill moved and Temple seconded to adjourn at 10:38am AKT. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

Total meeting time: 1 hour, 37 minutes