



BRISTOL BAY

Regional Seafood Development Association

BBRSDA Board Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2023 – 9:00am AKT

Teleconferenced

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00am AKT. Present were board members Morgan, Andrew, Schonberg, Sabo, and Niver; guests and members Janis Harsila, David Lawler, David Kopra, and Casey Coupchiak; and staff members Bursch, Dunn, Machain, McNeil and Wink. **A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.**

Members Daniel Johansen and Kira Telgen joined after the meeting started.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

a. September 18, 2023

Niver moved and Morgan seconded to approve the minutes from September 18, 2023. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

3. Member Comment & Advisory Panel Summary

David Lawler commented that the RSDA should advocate for the State to require monthly reporting of cold storage holdings for salmon.

Chairman Johnson also read a submitted comment from member Robert Heyano regarding bylaw changes if the setnetters vote to join the RSDA.

Director Schonberg gave an update on the most recent Advisory Panel meeting held on September 20th.

4. Executive Director Report

Wink gave a verbal update on the executive director report and program activities, highlighting notable items.

Morgan moved and Niver seconded to approve the Executive Director report. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

5. **Approval of Agenda**

Niver moved and Andrew seconded to approve the agenda as modified to include a discussion of the Seattle Kraken during the Marketing program update and add a discussion about the upcoming UFA meetings under Miscellaneous Business. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

6. **Program Updates & Committee Business**

a. **Finance**

i. **FY2024 Budget Discussion**

Machain walked through the financial snapshot highlighting our current cash position and anticipated cash position at year-end. Next, the board reviewed the latest FY24 budget draft with the committee project recommendations from Quality, Outreach, and Sustainability included. The final review and approval will happen at the next board meeting in November (Seattle).

b. **Marketing**

Dunn gave a verbal update on the marketing program.

- Currently McNeil is working on consolidating our marketing efforts on a webpage to be posted and linked to our homepage shortly.
- The marketing committee will be meeting once more to review FY24 projects and budgets.
- Niver commented on his successful cruise ship marketing program through ASMI's partnership.

i. **Seattle Kraken and Climate Pledge Arena update**

Director Andrew updated the board that the Seattle Kraken and Climate Pledge Arena are moving the Bristol Wild store from the back of the arena to the front and making it bigger for additional advertising, all at no charge.

c. **Sustainability**

Wink gave a verbal update on the Sustainability program and related projects:

- Port Moller Test Fishery went smoothly and we anticipate funding a similar level of support in FY24.
- The Sustainability committee has added Nels Ure as an advisor.
- UW Climate Change Research with Dr. Schindler: staff is still in the process of contracting this project due to some challenges

getting the details to fit within what UW's team needs and to make it eligible for federal grant funding.

- Strickland Documentary Film is in the final stages.
- Nushagak King Salmon: Wink forwarded a letter to the Board of Fish and Alaska Salmon Task Force encouraging both bodies to consider the science and ramifications of research about marine mammal predation on Chinook salmon.
- Skipper Science Nushagak King Project did not meet our participation expectations.

d. Quality

The quality committee met Tuesday, October 3 to review the in-season project summary reports and recommend a 2024 program budget. Bursch gave a verbal update on the project funding for quality projects.

e. Outreach

The outreach committee met Friday, September 22nd, to recommend a 2024 program budget and review in season projects.

The setnet vote has been a major focus of the outreach committee. Efforts to encourage high voter participation included: social media posts to community and fishing Facebook pages and on Instagram, emails to setnet ambassadors, and coordinated phone calls. We will know the vote results no later than November 9th.

The Advisory Panel met on September 20th and has their next meeting scheduled for October 18th.

7. Executive Session

Schonberg moved and Morgan seconded to enter Executive session at 10:10am AKT. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

Sabo moved and Schonberg seconded to exit executive session 12:36pm AKT. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

8. Miscellaneous Business

a. Appointment for Seat E

Morgan moved to seat Matthew DeWitte to Seat E on the BBRSDA Board

of Directors. Seconded by Sabo. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b. Proposal: Bristol Bay Seafood Processing Expansion

Greta Horn joined the call to discuss her proposal regarding funding support for a prototype small batch processing plant setup in Naknek. If this prototype is successful, it could be used as a blueprint for others to replicate. Total requested funding is \$192,000.

Sabo moved to table this for a committee to explore the lending philosophy and potential budget further. Morgan seconded. **This discussion is tabled.**

c. PME Logistics

The current PME member meeting is slated to have a simplified agenda to include:

- Welcome/lunch
- ADF&G presentation
- Brief market update
- Rest of the time for member discussion and Q&A

Wink will confirm with ADF&G personnel to confirm presentation details.

d. UFA Meeting Representation

With the departure of board member Jackson, director Morgan has taken over as our UFA representative. Director Schonberg will be the new alternate.

9. Future Meetings, Events, and Agenda Items

<i>October 31</i>	<i>Marketing Committee Meeting</i>
<i>November 2-4</i>	<i>ASMI All Hands</i>
<i>November 7</i>	<i>Board Meeting</i>
<i>November 9</i>	<i>Member Meeting</i>
<i>November 8-10</i>	<i>Pacific Marine Expo</i>

10. Adjourn

Morgan moved and Niver seconded to adjourn at 1:07pm AKT. **MOTION CARRIED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

Total meeting time: 4 hours, 7 minutes

Board members in attendance: Andrew, Johnson, Morgan, Niver, Sabo, Schonberg