

Seaweed Hub Regulations Work Group

Meeting #1: November 16, 2020

Hosts/Facilitators: Stephanie Otts and Catherine Janasie, National Sea Grant Law Center

Participants:

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Antoinette Clemetson
David Palazzi
Chris Schillaci
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Kristin DeRosia-Banick
Steve Kirk
Gregg Rivara
Jacyn Robidoux
Michelle Smith
Alicia Bishop
Read Porter

Agenda:

- *Welcome and Attendee introductions*
 - *Name, organization, industry roll*
- *Review of what we discussed at Seaweed Symposium*
 - *Broad overview of work plan*
 - *Update on National Sea Grant Law Center seaweed food safety project*
 - *Proposed workgroup approach*
- *Breakout groups to review and discuss work plan tasks*
- *Polls to select priority topics to focus on for next steps and how often group wants to meet*
- *Next Steps*

Welcome and Attendee Introductions:

- This is the first meeting of the Seaweed Hub Regulations Work Group. Post-symposium schedule was delayed due to COVID-19. We appreciate everyone's patience and continued support of this process.
- The meeting was recorded to assist with note-taking, but will not be made publicly available online. Work group members who were unable to participate in the call and wish to watch the recording may send an email to Stephanie Otts (sshowalt@olemiss.edu) to request access.
- Conducted “around the call” introductions.
- Melissa Good, co-facilitator of the Seaweed Hub Processing Work Group, shared that the Work Group had a meeting coming up on Thursday December 10th from 10:00am - 11:00am AST (2:00pm - 3:00pm EST). Contact Melissa Good (Melissa.good@alaska.edu) or Antoinette Clemetson (=Antoinette aoc5@cornell.edu) to be added to our listserv.

Seaweed Symposium Review:

- Catherine Janasie gave a presentation that provided (1) an overview of the Work Group discussions that occurred during the National Seaweed Symposium in March 2020 and (2) an update of the National Sea Grant Law Center and Connecticut Sea Grant’s seaweed food safety “building consensus” project.
- See [Symposium Recap Slides](#) for full details of what was presented.

Breakout Groups:

- Participants in the call were divided into three breakout groups to review and discuss the tasks identified in the work plan.

Polling:

- Participants reconvened in the main Zoom room and engaged in a polling exercise to identify priority topics to focus on in 2021 and determine how the group would like to meet going forward.
- Following the polling exercise, Work Group members were asked to volunteer to serve on sub-groups that were identified based on the results of the polls.

Poll Results:

What 3 topics would you like to focus on first as a workgroup? (16 responses)

Multiple Jurisdictions/Permitting Efficiencies for Lease Site (12)

Protected Species (3)

Public Perceptions (4)

Food Safety Hazards (12)

Genetics (4)

Establishing Nutrient Offsets (2)

Establishing markets, permitting around processing facilities (13)

How often should the Workgroup meet?

Monthly (6)

Every other month (2)

Quarterly (9)

How often should the sub-workgroups meet?

Biweekly

Monthly (5)

Every Other Month (10)

Sub-Workgroup Volunteers (via Zoom Chat)

Jurisdiction:

- David Palazzi
- Steve Kirk
- Alicia Bishop (and/or processing)
- Emanuel Hignutt
- Emma Forbes
- Gregg Rivara
- Read Porter

Food Safety

- Michelle Smith
- Christopher Schillaci
- Michael Ciaramella
- Kristin DeRosia-Banick
- Scott Lindell
- Jaclyn Robidoux (and/or processing)

Processing

- Antoinette Clemetson

- Melissa Good

Next Steps:

- Finalize sub-group membership. Number of sub-groups could change based on expressed Work Group member interest.
- Check in with other Work Group facilitators to identify overlaps.
- Set Work Group call schedule for 2021.