

Minutes of 11th Governing Council Meeting of H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society held on 4th August 2007 at the Directorate of Fisheries 'Conference Hall'.

The 11th meeting of Governing Council of H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society held on 4th August 2007, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Tarun Shridhar, Secretary (Fisheries), Government of Himachal Pradesh. Besides Chairmanship the following members attended the meeting:

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| 1. | Mr. Tarun Shridhar, Secretary (Fisheries), to the Government of H.P. | Chairman |
| 2. | Mr. B. D. Sharma, Director (Fisheries), Himachal Pradesh, Distt. Bilaspur (H.P.) | Member |
| 3. | Shri R. K. Korla, Deputy Director of Fisheries, Trout Farm, Patlikuhl, Distt. Kullu (H.P.) | Member |
| 4. | Sh. Gurcharan Singh, Assistant Director of Fisheries, Pong Dam, Distt. Kangra (H.P.) | Member |
| 5. | Sh. R. P. Dogra, Assistant Director of Fisheries (Hqrs), Representative Director Fisheries | Invitee |

6. Sh. Susheel Janaratha,
Assistant Director of Fisheries,
Shimla, Distt. Shimla (H.P.) Member

7. Sh. Rajan Sood,
Assistant Director of Fisheries,
Bilaspur, Distt. Bilaspur (H.P.) Member

8. Sh. Mahesh Kumar,
Assistant Director of Fisheries,
Mandi, Distt. Mandi (H.P.) Member

9. Sh. N. S. Chaudhary,
Chief Executive Officer,
H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing
Society, Distt. Bilaspur (H.P.) **Member Secretary**

Initiating the meeting, the Chairman welcomed all the participants of the meeting and after brief introduction with each of them the Member Secretary (**MS**) took up the agenda items for discussions:

Item No. 1. Confirmation of the proceedings of 10th Governing Council Meeting:

Taking up the agenda items the MS informed the House that the minutes of previous meeting had been circulated to all the Governing Council Members and since no objection received from any of the members as such the same may be confirmed.

The House **approved** the item.

Item No. 2. Follow-up action on the decisions taken in the 10th Governing Council Meeting and Agenda Items of 11th Governing Council Meeting.

➤ **Purchase of Feed Mill:**

As per decision taken in the 9th Governing Council Meeting, the **MS** appraise the house that H. P. Agro Industries, has already received the rates from the different manufacturers which are being pursuing. After throe scrutiny of the rates quoted by the different firms will be intimate to the department by the Agro Industries. The manufacturers assured to install the feed mill with in 60 days after the firm supply order.

While discussing the production of trout in private as well as government sector Chairman wanted to know about the marketing of trout. Deputy Director of Fisheries, patlikuhl appraise the house that at present there is no problem in marketing of trout but due to gradual increase in production the marketing will face some problem. The Chairman directed that some departmental official may explore the markets in the adjoining states. The Chairman also directed MS to supply some good / exclusive photographs of trout and trout dishes alongwith write up of trout why the trout is

preferred fish. Chairman also directed Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh to supply the list of trout growers.

Action (DWF/CEO)

➤ **Progress Report of Fish Farm:**

MS appraised the house that construction work of water supply at trout farm Barot has been completed and work of distribution tank is in progress. The Chairman directed that for the completion of above work the Executive Agency (HIMUDA) officials contacted regularly for the early completion.

Action (CEO)

➤ **Initiation of Award to outstanding fish farmers by the Society:**

MS appraised the house that the information supplied by the field officials of the fisheries department don't seem to be authentic, thus a committee should be constituted which would visit the farms of the progressive farmers for spot assessment.

The Chairman desire that departmental officials should fix norms for the selection of progressive farmers and the norms should also be sent to Panchayat so that on the basis of Panchayat's as well as departmental official report the farmer should be selected for the award.

The Chairman also desired that same pattern should also be applied for the selection of Cooperative Societies working in the state reservoirs.

Action (DWF/CEO)

Item No. 3: SJVN sponsored project “Development of Fisheries in Nathpa Jhakri reservoir and tail end of Satluj river”:

Under the Project Rs. 1.25 crore had been received against sanctioned amount of Rs. 160.00 lakhs from Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam in three installments. The ongoing construction works are as under:

➤ **Construction of feeder channel for the water supply from Rukti stream to farm:**

Construction of feeder channel for the water supply from Rukti to farm has been completed.

➤ **Hatchery building including hatching troughs, start feed tanks, internal water supply system and water storage:**

As per estimates received from SIDC sanction of Rs. 20,07,450/- was accorded against funds provision of Rs. 20.00 according to DPR. The construction work of hatchery building is almost complete and final report is awaited from SIDC. The supply order for hatchery equipment viz. troughs, trays, start feed tanks and nursery tanks has been placed and some equipments has been received at the farms.

Funds to the tune of Rs. 59,56,448/- has been released against above works viz. water supply and hatchery building against the estimated cost of Rs. 80.00 lakhs.

Joint inspection of completed / on-going works at Sangla farm has been conducted alongwith Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam & SIDC officials in and they were requested to release Rs. 35.00 lakhs for completion of pending and on-going works according to DPR's.

- **Air lifting of eyed ova of genetically improved quick growing strains of mirror carp, lake trout, Arctic char from European / Scandinavian countries including visit of state personnel.**

The MS appraise the house that last year genetic improved mirror carp has been purchased from Veterinary University Bangalore and being reared at Carp Farm Alsu to replace the old and available stock of mirror carp from the departmental farm. As per earlier Governing Council Meeting decision, 15,000 'eyed ova' of Artic Char has been imported first time in India and being reared at trout farm patlikuhl, Sangla and Holi. The results received from the concerned trout farms are appreciable except Sangla and growth of imported Artic Char is better than rainbow at present.

The Chairman directed that steps may be taken for the release of balance funds from SJVN so that on-going works may be completed at the earliest.

Action (CEO)

Item No. 4: Progress under BBMB sponsored project "Promotion of Fisheries in the riparian area of Suketi Khad and its adjacent streams":

- **Construction of percolation well, pump house and electrification etc. of Alsu Farm:**

MS appraised that HIMUDA has started the construction work of percolation well at Alsu Farm.

- **Nursery Tank at Deoli Fish Farm:**

The work has been completed by HIMUDA.

➤ **Providing financial assistance to 28 beneficiaries:**

After obtaining Administrative and Financial approval from the Chairman the financial assistance have been provided to 28 beneficiaries for construction of pond and fish cart under the project.

Joint inspection of the farm construction works i.e. carp farm Ghagus and Alsu and works of tanks constructed by the effected beneficiaries has been conducted by the officials of BBMB, HIMUDA and department. Utilization Certificate dully verified by CA has been submitted to the BBMB and requested to release the balance amount of Rs. 36.00 lakhs.

The Chairman directed to taken immediate necessary action for the release of balance amount.

Action (CEO)

Item No. 5: Mahseer fish seed project:

The MS appraised the house that funds to the tune of Rs. 135 lakhs has been released for the construction work of mahseer farm to the executive agency (HIMUDA). The construction work of type-1 residential quarter is almost final stage, protection work and site development for the construction of tank is in progress. The construction of tanks and water supply has not been started by the executive agency although funds has been release against these works.

The Chairman directed that the contact may be made regularly with executive agency for early completion of on-going pending works.

Action (DWF/CEO)

Item No. 6: Meeting & constitution of Executive Council of the Society:

MS appraised the house that the first meeting of the Executive Council has been conducted and assured the house that in future meeting will be held regularly as per guideline.

Action (CEO)

Item No. 7: Deployment of ministerial staff in the Society:

The MS appraise the house that one clerk has been deployed in the Society. The item maybe removed from the minutes.

Item No. 8: 100% centrally Sponsored Scheme on Strengthening of Post harvest Infrastructure.

MS appraised the Governing Council that after obtaining of the Administrative and Financial sanction Rs. 27,73,540/- have been released to HIMUDA for the construction of four Aqua shops one each at trout farm Barot, Holi, Dhamwari and Carp Farm Ghagus and Rs. 17.88 lakhs has been released for the construction of Ice plant at Trout Farm Patlikuhl but till date HIMUDA has not started the construction work on above works although they have been requested reputedly to complete the above works at the earliest.

In the 10th Governing Council Meeting Additional Secretary Finance advised that one Aqua shop may be constructed at Sangla on road side because farm is near about 2 km away from the road side / market. So that the visitor can buy trout fish easily.

The Chairman directed that government land should be selected for the construction of aqua shop on road side. Assistant Director of Fisheries, Shimla has been directed for the selection of site immediately.

The MS informed the house that there is a provision for purchase of deep freezer and weighing scale in the project. The matter was discussed in the first Meeting of Executive Council of H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society held at Directorate on 2nd November 2006 and Assistant Director of Fisheries, Shimla, Mandi and Bilaspur has demanded deep freezer for trout Dhamwari, Sangla, Barot and Carp farm Ghagus and Chamba.

The Chairman approved the above and directed that proper use of deep freezer may be assured.

Action (DWF/CEO, ADF)

Item No. 9: Other Item:

➤ **Repair and provided AC to Angler Lodge Pong Dam:**

The funds for repair of Angler lodge at Pong Dam have been utilized by the executing agency. The item may be removed from the minutes.

Item No. 10: New Item:

1. Provision of Chowkidar-cum-Cook at contract basis for Angler's Lodges / rest Houses of the department:

Ms appraised the house that in the 1st meeting of Executive Council of H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society held at Directorate on 2nd November 2006 Society, it was proposed that in addition to Patlikuhl and Ghagus rest houses the angler lodges at Pong Dam and Chamba be brought under the control of Society and one Caretaker-cum-Cook be provided in these rest houses / angler lodges from the society funds initially on experimental basis. The Chairman decided that all the angler lodges / rest houses may be run by the H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society and

caretaker-cum-Cook should be deployed on contract basis or incentive should be given to existing part time workers to look after the angler lodges and rest house. The Assistant Director of Fisheries, Pong Dam desired that the AC should be provided to the angler lodges. The same was approved by the house. The Chairman desired that the rates should be fixed as package i.e. including boarding and license fee @ 450/- per day and 850/- for two days. However, the rates for departmental officials will remain unchanged.

Action (DWF/CEO)

2. Provision of Chairs and Linen items for Training centre at Ghagus:

MS inform that there are two training centres one at Ghagus and Patlikuhl where department training programmes are conducted. Assistant Director of Fisheries, Bilaspur has demanded that the chairs and other items should be provided for the training centre.

MS appraise the house that all material has been provided to the training centre Patlikuhl which have two bed rooms and a dormitory having a capacity of 8 beds.

The Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh appraised the house that the training schedule has been already been approved by the government and the training programme shall may be conducted accordingly.

Action (DWF/CEO)

3. Launching of Society's website:

The decision launching of society website has been approved by the Chairman. The Chairman directed that all the minutes of Governing Council as well as departmental circular should be put on the departmental website and society website accordingly.

Action (DWF/CEO)

4. Expenditure statement of the Society:

MS put the Audited expenditure statement of the Society for the year 2005-06 and 2006-07 before the house for approval.

After discussion the house approved the same. The item may be removed from the minutes.

5. Purchase of Quality Fish Meal:

The MS appraise the house that department is purchasing quality fish meal by inviting open tender in which the manufacturers are not participating and the results rate of fish meal is increasing every year, with this increase the rate of fish feed is also revise by the department.

The Chairman suggested that tender notice should also be published in the news papers which are in circulation in the costal states.

The MS proposed that a departmental committee should be constituted to effect the spot purchase of quality fish meal from the manufacturers, as the manufacturers are not participating in the tender processes.

The Chairman directed that the both options may be applied for the purchase of quality fish meal.

Action (DWF/CEO)

Item No. 11: Other Item:

1. Providing vehicle to the Chief Executive Officer:

The Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh appraise the house that a vehicle which was purchased for the use of Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Director of Fisheries (HQ) has been transferred to Shimla as per government decision. Now a old vehicle viz. Hp-37-2503 which has completed its mileage is

available for above officials as well as Assistant Director of Fisheries, Bilaspur (Gobind Sagar), Assistant Director of Fisheries (HQ) and Assistant Director of Fisheries (20 Point (HQ)). Even the vehicle of Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh has over lived its life. It was decided that a vehicle be purchased from Society funds and also a Driver to run it be hired purely on contract basis in order to ensure easy immovability to Chief Executive Officer and other officers of department stationed at Bilaspur.

Action (CEO)

2. Fabrication of Fish Cart:

The Chairman desired that society should fabricate a fish cart and lease out on nominal charges to private entrepreneur for easy availability of processed trout to consumers. Chairman suggested that in the first phase one fish cart should be established out side the trout farm Patlikuhl on experimental basis. If this scheme proved beneficial, then more such cart at other important places be setup.

Action (CEO)

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.