

Minutes of the 15th meeting of Governing Council, H.P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society, Bilaspur held on 23rd December 2010 under the Chairmanship of Mr. V. C. Pharka, Principal Secretary (Fisheries), to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, in his Office Chamber. Following members attended the meeting:

1. Sh. B. D. Sharma
Director-cum-warden of Fisheries,
Himachal Pradesh. Member
2. Sh. Rajneesh
Special-Secretary (Finance),
Representative of Principal Secretary (Finance)
to the Government of H.P. Member
3. Mrs. Nirmal Gupta
Under Secretary (Fisheries),
to the Government of H.P. Member
4. Sh. Khem Singh,
Senior Fisheries Officer,
Representative of Deputy Director of Fisheries,
Patlikuhl, Distt. Kullu, Himachal Pradesh. Member
5. Sh. Mahesh Kumar
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Mandi
Himachal Pradesh. Member
6. Sh. Sunil Mehta
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Bilaspur,
Himachal Pradesh. Member
7. Sh. Rajan Sood
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Shimla,
Himachal Pradesh. Member
8. Sh. V. K. Puri
Assistant Director of Fisheries,
Chamba, (H.P.) Member
9. Sh. Gurcharan Singh
Chief Executive Officer,
H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society,
Bilaspur **Member Secretary**

At the outset, Chairman welcomed all the participants and directed the **Member Secretary** to take up agenda items for discussion.

(1) CONFIRMATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF 14TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING.

Member Secretary informed the House that minutes of the 14th Governing Council Meeting were circulated to all the members and since no objection was received from any of the members, as such, the same may be approved.

The House approved the item.

2. FOLLOW-UP ACTION.

(1) PROVISION OF CHOWKIDAR-CUM-COOK FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL ANGLER'S LODGES/REST HOUSES ETC.:

Member Secretary informed the house that as per decision taken in the 14th Governing Council Meeting of H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society, the outsourcing process for hiring staff for the departmental Angler's Lodges/Rest Houses/Training Centres have already been completed. He further informed that one Chowkidar-cum-Cook and two helpers have been sanctioned for Angler Lodge at Pong Dam and he further suggested that instead of giving two helpers for the angler lodge at Pong Dam only one helper is justified for Pong Dam and in place of second helper, one Chowkidar-cum-Cook be sanctioned for Departmental rest House at Kangra where no staff has been provided yet.

After detailed discussions, house approved the proposal and one Chowkidar-cum-Cook was approved for rest house at Kangra whereas one Chowkidar-cum-Cook and one helper for the Angler Lodge at Pong Dam.

Action: CEO

**(2) SATLUJ JAL VIDYUT NIGAM SPONSORED PROJECT
“DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES OF NATHPA JHAKRI RESERVOIR
AND TAIL-END OF SATLUJ RIVER”:**

Member Secretary informed the house that he had convened a joint meeting of all concerned for the proper functioning of Feed Mill at Patlikuhl on 21/12/2010 in which M/s B. K. Engineers have assured proper functioning of Feed Mill by 15th January 2011 positively after adding certain more equipments / parts in the Feed Mill report of which have already been submitted to Chairman, H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society.

After detailed discussion, house felt satisfaction over the issue and directed Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl, District Kullu (H.P.) for the commissioning of Feed Mill at Trout Farm Patlikuhl in a time bound manner.

Action: CEO & DDF Patlikuhl

**(3) BBMB SPONSORED PROJECT “PROMOTION OF FISHERIES IN THE
RIPARIAN AREA OF SUKETI KHUD AND ITS ADJACENT STREAM”:**

Member Secretary informed the house that construction work of Percolation Well at Fish Seed Farm, Deoli (Ghagus) has already been restarted by HPSIDC and construction work of overhead water storage tank has been completed. As per assurance given by SE, HPSIDC, rest of the works shall be awarded by him soon. It was further informed that Rs. 77633/- balance funds of the BBMB funded project have been released to Assistant Director of Fisheries, Mandi for organizing one day seminar in collaboration with BBMB.

After detailed discussions, it was decided that a meeting of HPSIDC officers be convened by Chief Executive Officer, H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society with Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh in which all the construction works assigned to HPSIDC be reviewed and dates for the completion of remaining works be finalized. Assistant Director of Fisheries, Mandi was asked to organize one day Seminar immediately and utilize the balance funds fruitfully.

(4) MAHSEER FISH SEED PROJECT:

Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh informed the house that construction works of Mahseer Farm Machhial (Badon) were inspected by the committee formed for this purpose twice but it was found that there was leakage in the main water supply channel from the joints and hence the nursery ponds as well as rearing ponds were also not recommended to be taken over by the committee.

The house after detailed deliberations desired that all the construction works of Machhial Farm be got inspected by the Assistant Engineer (Civil) of H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society and report submitted to the Chairman, H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society for further action in the matter.

Further, Member Secretary informed that since construction work of the Mahseer Farm Machhial (Badon) is likely to be completed in near future, house may also discuss regarding the operational functioning of this farm. Since breeding technology of Golden Mahseer for Mass Scale Seed production is not available in the Country, hence house may consider hiring of Consultancy Services for Mahseer Breeding involving work on Nutrition, brood stock raising, Stripping and raising of seed upto fingerling size. Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh participating in the discussion opined that fingerlings of Golden Mahseer can be collected

from the adjoining river and some officer can work on the Nutrition as well as brood stock management part also.

After detailed discussions, Chairman desired that ICAR may be requested from the Directorate level to help the state for Mass Scale Seed production of Golden Mahseer at Mahseer Farm Badon, Machhial (Mandi).

Action: DWF & CEO

(5) 100% CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME ON STRENGTHENING OF POST HARVEST STRUCTURE:

Member Secretary informed the house that during his recent visit to Patlikuhl, Assistant Engineer, HIMUDA has assured the completion of remaining work of the construction of Shed on the condenser within fortnight. Sale rates of Ice has already been got fixed. He further requested the house to decide about the use of the Aqua shops constructed at four farms.

House felt satisfaction on this issue and directed Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl to ensure early commissioning of Ice Plant. Further in addition to Fish sale from the aqua shops, fishing equipments may also be displayed by concerned Deputy Director of Fisheries / Assistant Director of Fisheries in the Aqua shops. House also decided to take up the matter for getting remaining funds of this project released by Government of India.

**Action: CEO & DDF Patlikuhl
ADF's Chamba, Shimla & Bilaspur**

(6) CREATION OF POST HARVEST INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS MINI ICE PLANT.

Member Secretary informed the house that as per decision taken in the 14th Governing Council Meeting of H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society revised estimates for the construction and installation of Ice Plant at Dobar (Gobind Sagar) restricting to Rs. 25.00 Lakh were received from HIMUDA and Administrative as well as Financial approval has also been conveyed to HIMUDA for the execution of this work.

House decided that Chief Executive Officer, H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society may ensure early start of the construction work of this Ice Plant and take up the matter for getting remaining funds of this project released by Government of India. In the mean time suitable sites for the installation of remaining two Ice Plants may also be identified by Assistant Director of Fisheries Pong Dam and Bilaspur.

Action: CEO, ADF Pong Dam & Bilaspur

(7) REGARDING TAKING OVER OF AWARENESS CENTRE AT BILASPUR.

Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh informed the house that some more aquaria and other relevant material is being added in the Awareness Centre at Bilaspur to make it more attractive for the tourists. He pleaded for the deployment of staff for successful functioning of this Awareness Centre.

Matter regarding deployment of staff at this centre was kept pending for next meeting and in the mean time this awareness Centre may be got visited by Chairman, H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society.

Action: DWF & CEO

(8) BEAUTIFICATION OF FISH FARMS.

Member Secretary informed that concrete Beautification proposals are still awaited from the Officer Incharges of Fish Farms.

Governing Council decided to take up the work of Beautification of Fish Seed Farm Deoli (Bilaspur) and Trout Farm Patlikuhl (Kullu) on priority basis by the concerned officers.

Action: DDF Patlikuhl / ADF Bilaspur
/ All ADF's Incharge of Fish Farms

(9) EFFORTS FOR THE PROMOTION OF SALE OF TROUT.

Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh informed the house that Trout is being lifted by some traders of Bombay and Chandigarh from Patlikuhl and Mandi area. Fish Copfed has also lifted Fish from Patlikuhl. Some how, problem of Trout Sale has been tackled.

House felt satisfaction over this effort of the department.

(10) HIRING OF ONE ASSISTANT ENGINEER (CIVIL) AND ONE TECHNICAL ASSISTANT (CIVIL) IN THE SOCIETY:

Member Secretary informed that as per decision taken in the 14th Governing Council meeting of H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society, services of one Assistant Engineer (Civil) retired has been hired on monthly honorarium basis whereas the Technical Assistant so selected has not yet joined.

House decided that offer to hire the services of technical Assistant may be given to the second person so selected in the panel. If he too does not join then this post may be filled up from amongst the

retired draftsmen on monthly honorarium basis by advertising this post again.

Action: CEO

(11) UPGRADING THE EXISTING TRAINING CENTRES.

Member Secretary informed that as per decision taken in the 14th Governing Council Meeting of H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society, supply order for the purchase of two Projectors with Screens for the two training centres, each at Deoli Farm (Bilaspur) and Patlikuhl (Kullu) have already been placed to H. P. State Electronic Corporation Shimla. He further proposed some honorarium for the writers of Brochures.

House after detailed deliberation did not approve the honorarium proposal for the brochure writers and decided to get the brochures and Training material written by departmental officers. House further desired to purchase the Fisheries related CD's and other extension material for the Training Centres.

Action: DWF & CEO

(12) FUNCTIONS OF ASSISTANT ENGINEER (CIVIL) AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANT (CIVIL).

Member Secretary informed the house that since one Assistant Engineer (Civil) and Technical Assistant has been selected on monthly honorarium basis in the H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society, hence their functions and duties be decided by the house.

Governing Council after detailed deliberations decided that all estimates of departmental welfare Schemes i.e. renovation / construction of Fish ponds shall be prepared by these engineers. All Construction works being executed by HIMUDA / PWD / HPSIDC / I & PH in the department are to be monitored by these engineers for quality control and their early completion. Besides this small construction works / repair and maintenance works in the department shall be executed by these Engineers and Governing Council approved the powers for Technical Sanctions in the H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society as under:

a) Original Work

Assistant Engineer (Civil) upto Rs. 3.00 Lakh (Rupees Three Lakh) only.

b) Repair / maintenance of work

Assistant Engineer (Civil) upto Rs. 2.00 lakh (Rupees Two lakh) only.

However full powers shall remain vested with the Chairman H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society for according financial Sanctions. Notification in this regard may be got issued.

Action: CEO

(3) NEW ITEMS

(1) UPKEEP OF DEPARTMENTAL REST HOUSES / ANGLER LODGES/ TRAINING CENTRES ETC.

Member Secretary informed the house that since Chowkidar-cum-Cook and helpers have been provided by H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society at the departmental Angler Lodges / Rest Houses / Training Centres, hence revenue derived from these centres be deposited in the account of H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society.

House after detailed deliberations approved the proposal subject to the condition that all expenditure on the renovation and upkeep of these Angler Lodges / Rest Houses / training Centres shall be borne by H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society. Notification in this regard may be got issued.

Action: CEO

(2) STOCK / STORE VERIFICATION OF H. P. AQUACULTURE, FISHING AND MARKETING SOCIETY, OFFICE BILASPUR.

Member Secretary raised the issue of Physical verification and condemnation of Stock / Store articles of the office of Chief Executive Officer, H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society, Bilaspur before the house.

House after detailed discussion decided that annual physical verification of Stock / Store articles be done by Chief Executive Officer regularly. Chief Executive Officer, H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing

and Marketing Society was further authorised to constitute a three member Committee for the condemnation of unserviceable articles.

Further powers to declare articles of Stock / Store unserviceable / surplus and to sanction sale of articles of Stock / Store declared unserviceable have been delegated as under:

Sr. No.	Nature of Power	Authority to which power delegated	Extent of powers
1.	To declare articles of Store/Stock surplus / unserviceable	Chairman, H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society Chief Executive Officer H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society	Full Powers Rs. 1.50 Lakh
2.	To sanction sale of articles of Store / Stock declared surplus/ unserviceable	Chairman, H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society Chief Executive Officer H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society	Full Powers Rs. 1.50 Lakh

Action: CEO

(4) ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

(1) PURCHASE OF MOTOR BOATS FOR THE RESERVOIRS

Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh informed that there is a need to purchase two Motor Boats for the State's Reservoirs for Fisheries Conservation as the motor boats at present available in these reservoirs have become very old, outdated and unsafe.

House considered the proposal of Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh and approved the purchase of two high powered

motor boats each for Gobind Sagar and Pong reservoirs out of Society funds. Specification of these motor boats shall be of that of old Meenakshi Motor Boat available at Pong Dam. Action for purchase of two motor boats be initiated from Directorate level.

Action: DWF

(2) PURCHASE OF PHOTOCOPIER, FAX MACHINES AND LAPTOP, COMPUTER ETC.

Member Secretary requested the house for the purchase of certain electronics items for the office of Assistant Director of Fisheries, Chamba and Chief Executive Officer, H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society, Bilaspur.

House after detailed deliberations approved the purchase of following electronics items from the H. P. State Electronics Development Corporation Limited, Shimla for the offices as detailed below:

Sr. No.	Item	Qty.	Offices
1.	Photocopier	1	ADF, Chamba
2.	Fax Machines	1	CEO, HPAFMS, Bilaspur
3.	Laptop	1	CEO, HPAFMS, Bilaspur
4.	Computer with all accessories	1	CEO, HPAFMS, Bilaspur

Action: CEO

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.