Minutes of the 16th Meeting of Governing Council, H.P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society, Bilaspur held on 2nd August, 2011 under the Chairmanship of Shri Ram Subhag Singh (I.A.S.), Secretary (Fisheries), to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, in the Committee Room of Armsdale Building, H. P. Secretariat, Shimla.

Member

Following officers participated in the Meeting:

Director-cum-warden of Fisheries

Sh. B. D. Sharma

Himachal Pradesh.

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	Himachal Pradesh.	
2.	Sh. K. L. Kashyap, Deputy Secretary (Finance), Representative of Principal Secretary (Finance), to the Government of H.P.	Member
3.	Smt. Bimla Pradesi Under Secretary (Fisheries), to the Government of H.P.	Member
4.	Sh. Ashok Kumar Assistant Director of Fisheries, Mandi Holding the additional charge of Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl, Distt. Kullu (H.P.) also.	Member
5.	Sh. Sunil Mehta Assistant Director of Fisheries, Bilaspur,	Member

6. Sh. S. P. Mehta Member Assistant Director of Fisheries, Chamba, (H.P.)

7. Sh. Bhupinder Kumar Special invitee Senior Fisheries Officer, Chamba, (H.P.)

8. Sh. Gurcharan Singh
Chief Executive Officer,
H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society,
Bilaspur

At the outset, Chairman welcomed all the participants and directed **M**ember **S**ecretary to take up agenda items for discussion.

Member Secretary, with the permission of chair took up following Agenda items for discussion.

(1) CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 15TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23rd DECEMBER 2010.

Member Secretary informed the House that minutes of the 15th Governing Council Meeting were circulated to all the members and since no objection was received from any of the member, as such, the same may be approved.

The House approved the minutes of 15th Governing Council Meeting.

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 15th Governing Council Meeting of HPAFMS, one Chowkidar-cum-Cook for Departmental Rest House at Kangra and One Helper instead of Two Helpers for Angler Lodge at Pong Dam (Kangra) have been deployed through outsourcing.

House approved the action taken and Dropped this Item.

(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 out of Rs. 160 Lakh received from SJVN, ₹ 6,18,745/- are lying as balance with the society which will be utilized for making the Final Payment of Trout Feed Mill being installed at Trout Farm Patlikuhl Distt. Kullu (H.P.). He informed that in the last Governing Council Meeting it was decided that Chief Executive Officer, HPAFMS and Deputy Director Fisheries, Patlikuhl will make all efforts for the early commissioning of this Feed Mill. He further informed the House that Joint inspection for the operational functioning of this Trout Mill has

already been conducted by the committee on 28th June 2011 in which this Feed Mill was operated for one Hour with successful results. Since the representative of H. P. Agro Industries Corporation was not present in the Joint inspection, hence it was decided to hold final Joint inspection ensuring the presence of all members before it is taken over finally.

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 conducting Final Joint inspection at the earliest possible date, the compliance of which be communicated to the Chairman.

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 ₹ 72.00 Lakh received from BBMB under the above project have been allocated for different developmental works of the Department. The funds deposited with HPSIDC for different construction works are still lying unutilized with HPSIDC as this agency could not complete the construction works assigned to them within the specified time frame as was decided in the meeting held on 19/01/2011 in the Directorate of Fisheries with the officers of HPSIDC. He further informed the house that as per decision taken in the last meeting, one day Seminar in collaboration with BBMB has already been conducted at Village Ratti (Mandi) on dated 28/04/2011.

After detailed discussions, it was decided that again 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 should be reviewed and dates for the completion of remaining works be finalized.

Action: DWF & CEO

(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 constituted for this purpose twice and the reports have been forwarded to all concerned. Hon'ble Minister for FCS & CA and Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh, during his recent visit to this farm have directed HIMUDA for doing plastering work inside the Nursery Ponds, Rearing Ponds and Stock Ponds. An estimate of ₹ 4,77,950/-received from HIMUDA is under the process of according A/A & E/S at Government level.

Member Secretary apprised the House that since Breeding Technology of Golden Mahseer for Mass Scale seed production is not available in the Country, hence in the last Meeting of HPAFMS it was decided to request ICAR from the Directorate of Fisheries for providing Technical Assistance in the Breeding of Golden Mahseer for Mass Scale Seed production at this Farm which needs to be initiated.

The house after detailed deliberations decided that all the construction works of Machhial Farm be got completed in a time bound manner and Construction Quality be monitored by the Engineering Cell of the Department / HPAFMS.

It was further decided that relevant Institute of the ICAR be requested to provide Technical Assistance for raising Brood Stock of Golden Mahseer, production of at least one Lakh fingerlings of Mahseer and providing Capacity Building Support to the staff for continuing Mahseer Breeding Operations at this Farm.

Action: DWF & CEO

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

Member Secretary informed the house that as per decision taken in the last Governing Council Meeting, Ice Plant installed through HIMUDA at

Trout Farm Patlikuhl out of the funds received from above Centrally Sponsored Scheme was inspected by the Inspection Committee constituted by the Department of Fisheries on 27th June 2011 and after finding the work complete as per estimate, it has been taken over. This plant is operational now and Ice is being sold at the rates fixed by the Society.

Member Secretary further informed that as per decision taken for the use of four Aqua Shops constructed out of the funds received under above scheme, all concerned officers have been informed.

After detailed discussion, House felt satisfaction on the working of Ice Plant and desired that Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl may make wide publicity of this ice plant so that maximum Ice is sold.

It was further decided to outsource all the four Aqua Shops to some private entrepreneurs for taking up the job of Aquarium Fabrication, its sale and other allied activities in these Aqua Shops.

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 15th Governing Council Meeting of HPAFMS, funds received were deposited with HIMUDA for the construction and installation of one Ice plant at Dobar (Gobind Sagar). Assistant Director Fisheries, Bilaspur informed that construction work of the Building have been completed upto plinth level.

After Detailed discussion, it was decided that quality control of the construction work be monitored by the Engineering cell of the Department / HPAFMS.

Action: CEO & ADF 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 suggested that this awareness centre be maintained by HPAFMS. He further informed that one Sub-Inspector has been deployed at this centre and more staff may be deployed by the society through outsourcing so that this Centre is developed and made in a presentable form.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that this Awareness Centre be maintained by H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society, Bilaspur, the modalities of which may be prepared by the Society. Worthy Chairman desired to continue the services of Sub-Inspector of Fisheries already deployed in the Awareness Centre as such and in addition two Fishermen preferably retired persons of the Department be hired and one Sweeper-cum-Chowkidar be engaged through outsourcing.

Notification for the maintenance of this Awareness Centre by H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society, Bilaspur be got issued.

Action: DWF & CEO

(8) BEAUTIFICATION OF FISH FARMS.

Member Secretary informed the House that as per decision taken in the last Governing Council Meeting, 13 estimates amounting to ₹ 9,45,010/for the Beautification of Fish Seed Farm Deoli Ghagus have been prepared by Assistant Engineer (Civil), HPAFMS whereas Deputy Director of Fisheries Patlikuhl has requested HIMUDA for the preparation of Beautification estimates of Trout Farm Patlikuhl Distt. Kullu (H.P.).

Governing Council decided to take up the work of Beautification of Fish Seed Farm Deoli (Bilaspur) and Trout Farm Patlikuhl (Kullu) on

priority basis through the Engineering Cell of the Department / HPAFMS only.

Action: CEO, DDF Patlikuhl / ADF Bilaspur

(9) UPGRADATION OF THE EXISTING TRAINING CENTRES.

Member Secretary informed the House that as per decision taken in the last Governing Council Meeting, two Projectors with Screens have been purchased from H. P. State Electronics Development Corporation, Shimla and provided each at the Training centre located at Trout Farm Patlikuhl Distt. Kullu (H.P.) and Fish Seed Farm Deoli (Ghagus) Distt. Bilaspur (H.P.). Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh participating in the discussion informed that certain booklets / brochures prepared on different Departmental activities have been published by the Department, which needs to be updated and republished.

After detailed discussion, it was decided to upgrade the training centres in a better way by providing more equipments if required. It was further decided that Department of Fisheries may update the booklets / brochures and republish, the cost of which shall be borne by the Society.

Action: DWF / CEO

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

Member Secretary informed the House that all estimates of departmental welfare Schemes i.e. renovation / construction of Fish Ponds are being prepared by the Engineering Cell of Department / HPAFMS. All Construction works being executed by HIMUDA / PWD / HPSIDC / I & PH in the department are being monitored by these engineers for quality control and their early completion. He further informed that one Technical Assistant engaged on monthly honorarium basis @ Rs. 6,000/- per month have left the Job due to low emoluments, whereas the Assistant Engineer (Retd.) engaged on monthly honorarium basis @ Rs. 10000/- per month has undergone surgery who is also expected to remain on long leave. So

this way at present there is no incumbent in the Engineering Cell of the Society.

Member **S**ecretary further informed that Notification with regard to delegation of powers for according Technical Sanction as was approved in the last Meeting is still pending for issuance. The delegation of powers for according Technical Sanctions was approved as under in the 15th Governing Council Meeting:

a) Original Work

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

b) Repair / maintenance of work

Assistant Engineer (Civil) upto ₹ 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 has not yet been issued.

After detailed discussion, House approved the monthly honorarium for Assistant Engineer (Civil) and Technical Assistant / Draughtsman (Civil) as under:

Assistant Engineer (Civil)	₹ 15000/- per month
Technical Assistant/	₹ 8000/- per month
Draughtsman (Civil)	

It was further decided to re-advertise the post of one Assistant Engineer (Civil) and One Technical Assistant / Draughtsman (Civil) (both retired) on monthly honorarium basis and House approved the delegation of powers for according Technical Sanction to the Assistant Engineer (Civil) on the analogy of PWD. The powers to accord Technical Sanction as has been given to Executive Engineer (non selected) in PWD have been approved to be delegated to Assistant Engineer (Civil), HPAFMS, which is as under:

a) Original Work

Assistant Engineer (Civil) upto ₹ 5.00 Lakh (Rupees Five Lakh)

only.

b) Repair / maintenance of work

Assistant Engineer (Civil) upto ₹ 3.00 Lakh (Rupees Three Lakh)

only.

In cases where estimated cost of the construction works exceeds the

above ceiling of according Technical Sanctions and if such works

are to be undertaken by the Engineering Cell of HPAFMS, the

Technical Sanction of that amount be got from the Engineers of PWD

by paying Honorarium already fixed by the Government. It was

decided in the meeting that the construction works be got executed

through the Engineering cell of HPAFMS after following proper

procedure.

Notification in this regard may be got issued.

Action: CEO

(11) UPKEEP OF DEPARTMENTAL REST HOUSES / ANGLER LODGES /

TRAINING CENTRES ETC.

Member Secretary informed the house that in the last Governing Council

Meeting of HPAFMS it was decided to deposit the revenue receipts of all

Angler Lodges, Angling Huts, Rest Houses and Training Centres etc. of

the Department of Fisheries with H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing

Society, subject to the condition that all expenditure on the renovation and

upkeep of these buildings shall be borne by HPAFMS. Notification in this

behalf is still pending at Government level.

Chairman desired that said notification be got issued.

Action: Under Secretary (Fisheries)

to the Government of H.P.

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

Member Secretary apprised the House about the decision taken in the 15th Governing Council Meeting of HPAFMS regarding stock / store verification procedure to be adopted in the society and informed that work is being done as per decision.

House after discussion dropped this item.

(13) PURCHASE OF MOTOR BOATS FOR THE RESERVOIRS.

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

Member Secretary further informed that this item was approved in the last Governing Council Meeting of HPAFMS and modalities for the purchase of these boats may please be decided.

House vetted the decision taken in the last Governing Council Meeting of HPAFMS for purchasing two Motor Boats, each for Gobind Sagar and Pong Reservoir for strengthening the Fisheries Conservation work in these Reservoirs. It was further decided that benchmark specification of these motor boats can be of "Meenakshi Motor Boat" already available at Pong Dam. Worthy Chairman desired to explore the availability of such like motor boats from Coast Guard, Mumbai Police, Dockyard Calcutta, CIFT Cochin etc. prior to initiating the purchase process. Tender floating process may be initiated by HPAFMS / Directorate.

Action: DWF & CEO

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

Member Secretary informed the House that as per decision taken in the last Governing Council Meeting, all approved electronic items have been purchased from H. P. State Electronics Development Corporation Limited, Shimla except one Photocopier for Assistant Director of Fisheries office Chamba.

House again approved the purchase of one Photocopier for the Office of Assistant Director of Fisheries office Chamba (H.P.) from H. P. State Electronics Development Corporation Limited, Shimla.

Action: CEO

Item # 3:

EXPENDITURE STATEMENT OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 2010-11:

The balance Sheet of the year 2010-11 audited by Chartered Accountant was placed before the house for approval.

After discussion, House approved the Balance Sheet prepared and submitted by the Chartered Accountant.

Item # 4:

NEW ITEMS.

(i) PROVIDING MOBILE RECHARGE FACILITY TO THE FISHERIES OFFICER, SANDHARA (RANJIT SAGAR RESERVIOR) DISTT. CHAMBA (H.P.)

Member Secretary informed that a proposal has been received from Directorate of Fisheries for providing Mobile Recharge facility @ ₹ 150/-per month to the Fisheries officer Sandhara (Ranjit Sagar Reservoir) on the pattern of other officers posted in the reservoirs for having better means of communication in order to strengthen the Fisheries conservation programme.

House approved Mobile Recharge to Fisheries officer Sandhara (Ranjit Sagar Reservoir) @ ₹ 150/- per month.

Action: CEO & ADF, Chamba

(ii) PURCHASE OF PHOTOCOPIER FOR THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, SHIMLA (H.P.).

Member Secretary informed that a proposal has been received from Directorate of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh for providing one Photocopier for the office of Assistant Director of Fisheries, Shimla.

House approved the purchase of One photocopier for the office of Assistant Director of Fisheries Shimla from H. P. State Electronics Development Corporation Limited, Shimla.

Action: CEO & ADF, Shimla

(iii) PROVIDING OF FURNITURE AND KITCHEN ITEMS FOR ANGLING HUT AT HOLI, DISTT. CHAMBA (H.P.)

Member Secretary informed the House that a proposal has been received from Directorate of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh for providing Furniture as well as Kitchen articles for the Angling Hut at Holi, Distt. Chamba (H.P.) as per list provided by Assistant Director of Fisheries, Chamba (H.P.).

House approved this purchase from some Government undertaking / Government approved agency.

Action: CEO & ADF, Chamba

(iv) UTILIZATION OF AN AMOUNT OF RS. 462694/- LYING WITH THE SOCIETY AS BALANCE FUNDS FROM THE PROJECT NAMED "ESTABLISHMENT OF PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY AT TROUT FARM PATLIKUHL".

Member Secretary informed that a sum of ₹ 30.00 lakh were sanctioned for the establishment of Pathological laboratory at Trout Farm Patlikuhl out of which ₹ 4,62,694/- are remaining as balance amount with the society. It

was requested to decide about the mode of proper utilization of these funds lying as balance with the Society.

House decided to utilize these funds on other developmental works of urgent nature at Trout Farm, Patlikuhl.

Action: CEO & DDF, Patlikuhl

Item # 5:

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF CHAIR

(i) PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh apprised the House that Government has approved Fleet strength of Nine vehicles for the Department of Fisheries, out of which at present only Eight vehicles are available with the Department which are being used by the officers for developmental works. One vehicle of the Directorate of Fisheries, being very old, was declared unserviceable and has been auctioned. He pleaded for the replacement of this vehicle by purchasing it from the Society Funds. Four officers posted in the Directorate who are entitled for the use of vehicle, shall be using this vehicle for conducting various inspections etc. of the field offices where the activities of the HPAFMS are also going on.

He further emphasized the need of a vehicle for Assistant Director of Fisheries, Bilaspur (Gobind Sagar Reservoir) where a permanent vehicle is required for conducting surprise raids around the Reservoir for the checking of illicit transport of Fish etc. He informed that a taxi has been allowed by the Government for Assistant Director of Fisheries, Bilaspur to be hired on need basis which is not fulfilling the purpose. So he pleaded for the purchase of one vehicle for Assistant Director of Fisheries, Bilaspur in the larger interest of the Department out of HPAFMS funds.

House after detailed deliberations, approved the purchase of one Vehicle for the H. P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society, Bilaspur. It was further decided that since the vehicle already available with the society has been registered in the name of Director of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh may be transferred to the Directorate of Fisheries by the Society.

House further decided to allow Permanent Taxi "TATA INDICA" on the rates fixed by GAD or Deputy Commissioner, Bilaspur which ever is lower, to the Assistant Director of Fisheries, Bilaspur by HPAFMS.

Action: CEO

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