

Minutes of the 17th Meeting of Governing Council, H.P. Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society, Bilaspur held on 10th April, 2012 under the Chairmanship of Dr. P. C. Kapoor (I.A.S.), Principal Secretary (Fisheries), to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, in the Conference Hall of Directorate Building, Directorate of Fisheries, Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh.

Following officers participated in the Meeting:

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| 1. | Sh. B. D. Sharma
Director-cum-warden of Fisheries,
Himachal Pradesh. | Member |
| 2. | Sh. S. P. Mehta
Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl,
Distt. Kullu, Himachal Pradesh. | Member |
| 3. | Sh. Ashok Kumar Verma
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Mandi,
Distt. Mandi, Himachal Pradesh. | Member |
| 4. | Sh. Sunil Mehta
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Bilaspur,
Distt. Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh. | Member |
| 5. | Sh. Mahesh Kumar
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Sultanpur,
Distt. Chamba, Himachal Pradesh. | Member |
| 6. | Sh. Hamir Chand
Assistant Director of Fisheries,
Fisheries Division Pong Dam,
Distt. Kangra, Himachal Pradesh. | Member |
| 7. | Sh. Rajan Sud
Assistant Director of Fisheries,
Fisheries Division Shimla,
Distt. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. | Member |
| 8. | Sh. P. C. Patial
Assistant Director of Fisheries (Hqrs.),
Directorate of Fisheries, Bilaspur,
Himachal Pradesh. | Special invitee |
| 9. | Sh. Susheel Janartha
Assistant director of Fisheries (20 PP),
Directorate of Fisheries, Bilaspur,
Himachal Pradesh. | Special invitee |
| 10. | 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 **Member Secretary** 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 16TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2ND AUGUST 2011.

Member Secretary informed the House that minutes of the 16th 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 please be approved.

House approved the minutes of 16th Governing Council Meeting.

2. FOLLOW-UP ACTION.

(1) 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 02/09/2011 with the officers of HPSIDC.

After detailed discussions, it was decided that HPSIDC officers be asked again to complete the construction works within the shortest possible period.

Action: DWF & CEO

(2) MAHSEER FISH SEED PROJECT:

Member Secretary informed the house that construction of Mahseer Fish Seed Farm at Machhial Tehsil Jogindernagar, Distt. Mandi (H.P.) was started through HIMUDA during the year 2006-07 with an estimated cost of ` 505.89 Lac and ` 388.52 Lac have been released to HIMUDA uptill now. Now HIMUDA is demanding to deposit ` 124.93 Lac more. Recently a committee headed by Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh had visited this farm on

21/03/2012 and during this inspection HIMUDA officers had agreed to extend the intake wall by 10 mtrs. during lean period.

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 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.

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.

So far as the biological part is concerned, after detailed discussions it was decided that consultancy services of some scientist may be hired who will conduct the Breeding operations of Golden Mahseer for massive Seed production at this Farm and also train the staff for continuing the Brood Stock raising and Breeding process of this precious species in future too. Worthy Chairman directed the CEO to work on the codal formalities to be completed for hiring the consultancy services.

Action: DWF & CEO

(3) 100% CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME ON STRENGTHENING OF POST HARVEST STRUCTURE:

Member Secretary informed the house that a sum of ` 100 Lac were sanctioned by Government of India under this scheme. First installment of ` 50.00 Lac was released and out of this amount one Ice Plant with an estimated cost of ` 22.2646 Lac have been constructed at Patlikuhl, four Aqua Shops amounting to ` 27.7354 Lac have been constructed at Fish Farm Dhamwari (Shimla), Sultanpur (Chamba), Ghagus (Bilaspur) and Barot (Mandi). It was decided in the last meeting to outsource these Aqua Shops but uptill now

two Aqua Shops have been taken over from the executing agency whereas two are still under construction.

After detailed discussion, it was decided to get the construction work of remaining Aqua Shops completed first and then put up this item in the next meeting for decision.

It was further decided to expedite the matter of getting 2nd installment of ` 50.00 Lac released from GOI.

**Action: Under Secretary (Fisheries), CEO,
ADF's Chamba & Shimla**

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

Member Secretary informed the house that a sum of ` 79.00 Lac have been sanctioned by Government of India under this Scheme out of which first installment of ` 25.00 Lac was received from Government of India which have been deposited with HIMUDA for the construction and Installation of one Mini Ice Plant at Dobar, Tehsil Bangana Distt. Una (Gobind Sagar) on dt. 26/05/2010 and civil work of this Ice Plant has almost been completed whereas installation of Machinery is remaining.

After Detailed discussion, it was decided to get the remaining work completed at the earliest and matter regarding release of 2nd Installment of ` 59.00 Lac be taken up expeditiously with GOI.

**Action: Under Secretary (Fisheries),
CEO & ADF Bilaspur**

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

Member Secretary informed the house that Awareness Centre Building (Aquarium House) has been got constructed and established at NH-21 Bilaspur. Matter regarding functioning of this centre in society mode was taken up with the Government as was decided in the last meeting but recently decision to run this centre in the present mode has been received from the Government. Matter is again put up for discussion and decision, please.

After detailed discussion, worthy Chairman-cum-Principal Secretary (Fisheries) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh directed to send the case again for reconsideration.

Action: CEO

(6) BEAUTIFICATION OF FISH FARMS.

Member Secretary informed the House that in the last meeting it was 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 and since order regarding delegation of powers of Technical Sanction to AE (civil) HPAFMS, have also been issued, this item is put up before the house for further decision, please.

After detailed discussion, worthy Chairman appreciated the idea of beautification of the Fish Farms and desired that this beautification work is very essential which may be got done either through the Departmental Engineering cell or through Horticulture Department / another suited agency but quality of this work should be excellent.

Action: CEO, DDF Patlikuhl / ADF Bilaspur

(7) UPGRADATION OF THE EXISTING TRAINING CENTRES.

Member Secretary informed the House that there are two training centres of the Department each at Patlikuhl (Kullu) and Deoli (Bilaspur) where two Projectors have been provided by the Society. To make these centres more useful 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. Member Secretary further informed the house that all the DDF's and ADF's have been given the job of updation of the booklets / brochures before their publication. Further Incharge's of the training centres have requested for providing them laptops for running the projectors. This issue is placed before the house for consideration, please.

Worthy Chairman appreciated the idea of updation of booklets / brochures of the Department and approved their printing cost out of Society funds. It was further decided to provide two laptops each for Training Centre Patlikuhl (Kullu) and Deoli (Bilaspur) by the Society by purchasing the same from H. P. State Electronics Corporation Ltd. Shimla.

Action: CEO & All concerned officers.

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

Member Secretary informed the house that it was decided in the last meeting to transfer all Angler's Lodges, Angling Huts, Rest Houses and Training Centres etc. to HPAFMS subject to the condition that all expenditure on the renovation and upkeep of these buildings shall be borne by HPAFMS. Notification in this regard is awaited, please.

Worthy Chairman desired to refer this matter again for issuance of said notification.

Action: CEO

(9) PURCHASE OF MOTOR BOATS FOR THE RESERVOIRS.

Member Secretary informed the House that in the last meeting decision was taken to purchase two Motor Boats each for Gobind Sagar and Pong Reservoir for effective Fisheries conservation. Specification of the Motor Boats to be purchased has been approved by the Government and committee for inviting Tender's etc. have also been constituted. Member Secretary further informed that as per decision taken in the last Executive Council Meeting of HPAFMS, ADF Bilaspur has informed that they have already condemned and auctioned one Motor Boat and they want its replacement whereas this report is still awaited from ADF Pong Dam. ADF Pong Dam informed that his Motor Boat "Meenakshi" is very old which shall be got condemned soon.

After detailed discussion, worthy Chairman directed ADF Pong Dam to get the condemnation and auction process of the old Motor Boat completed within one month. He further desired that purchase process of Motor Boats be initiated soon after the receipt of Motor Boat condemnation documents from ADF Pong Dam as per procedure.

Action: DWF, CEO & ADF Pong Dam

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

Member Secretary informed the House that as per proposal received from ADF Chamba through Directorate of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh, it was approved in the last meeting to provide Furniture as well as Kitchen articles for the Angling Hut at Holi, Distt. Chamba (HP) as per list provided by Assistant Director of Fisheries, Chamba (HP) but so far the Angling Hut has not yet been taken over from the executing agency.

After detailed discussions, it was decided to take over the Angling hut building first from the executing agency and then put up the proposal on file for sanction to the Chairman, HPAFMS.

Action: CEO, ADF Chamba

(11) 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 decided to utilize these funds on developmental works of urgent nature at Trout Farm, Patlikuhl the proposal of which is still awaited from DDF Patlikuhl.

Worthy Chairman directed DDF Patlikuhl to submit the proposal immediately.

Action: DDF, Patlikuhl

(12) PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries, Himachal Pradesh in the last meeting had 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. After his pleading house had approved the purchase of one vehicle for the Society and the vehicle already available in the Society which is registered in the name of Director Fisheries shall be transferred to the Directorate of Fisheries. Member Secretary informed the house that vehicle (Scorpio) has been purchased in the Society and the vehicle available in the Society is being transferred to the Department. Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries informed that a case for the conversion of the post of one Mechanic to that of Driver has been sent to the Government which may be approved enabling the Department to utilize the vehicle being received from the Society.

Worthy Chairman after discussions approved the action taken on this item and informed that the case of conversion of one Post of Mechanic to that of Driver shall be taken care of. In case of any problem proposal for hiring the services of one Driver through outsourcing may be put up on file to Chairman, HPAFMS for approval.

Member Secretary further informed that at the instance of Assistant Director of Fisheries, Bilaspur (Gobind Sagar Reservoir) it was decided to allow one permanent taxi "TATA INDICA" on the rates fixed by GAD or Deputy Commissioner, Bilaspur which ever is less to ADF Bilaspur by HPAFMS which was deferred for time being by the Executive Council in its last meeting.

Worthy Chairman desired to put up this case on file for his approval.

Action: CEO

Item # 3:

NEW ITEMS:

- (i) FUNDS AMOUNTING TO ` 668 LAC RECEIVED UNDER NMPS-RKVY SCHEME FOR INITIATING CAGE CULTURE SCHEME IN STATE'S RESERVOIRS VIZ: GOBIND SAGAR AND PONG – FINALIZATION OF PROCEDURE FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION.**

Member Secretary informed that house that a sum of ` 668 Lac under NMPS-RKVY Scheme for initiating Cage Culture in State's two Reservoirs have been received in the Society from the Department. He requested the house to finalize the modalities for the implementation of this Scheme, please.

Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries further informed that an implementation cell has to be formed at Government level for which a request has already been made to Government of India to nominate Members from Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, national Fisheries Development Board and ICAR institute. Proposal for inclusion of the members from Department side has also been sent to the Government.

After detailed discussions, worthy Chairman emphasized the need of early implementation of this project. He further desired that the implementation cell be got constituted at the earliest.

Action: Under Secretary (Fisheries) & DWF

- (ii) DECISION REGARDING FINALIZATION OF MODALITIES FOR THE USE OF NEWLY CONSTRUCTED ANGLING LAKE AT TROUT FARM PATLIKUHL (KULLU).**

Member Secretary informed the house that one Angling lake has been got constructed through HIMUDA at Trout Farm Patlikuhl (Kullu) with an estimated cost of ` 54.33 Lac which is at its final stage of completion. House is requested to finalize the modalities for the use of this Angling lake, please.

After detailed discussions, it was decided that DDF Patlikuhl will formulate the modalities for the utilization of this Angling Lake within a week's time and send it to the Society for obtaining further approval of the Chairman, HPAFMS.

Action: DDF Patlikuhl

(iii) PROCEDURE FOR SANCTIONS TO BE ADOPTED IN THE SOCIETY.

Member Secretary informed the house that Chief Executive officer has been delegated the financial powers upto Rs. 5000/-. The Financial transactions are made with the joint signatures of two officers i.e. one CEO and 2nd DDF (hqrs) / ADF (Bilaspur). Presently single file system is prevailing in the Society. CEO after recording notings for such sanctions had been submitting the files to worthy Chairman, HPAFMS for all sort of sanctions above Rs. 5000/-. Worthy Chairman, HPAFMS is requested to kindly decide about the procedure of such sanctions to be adopted, please.

Worthy Chairman decided to follow the system already prevailing in the Society.

Action: CEO

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