

MINUTES OF THE 18TH MEETING OF GOVERNMENT COUNCIL, H.P. AQUACULTURE, FISHING AND MARKETING SOCIETY HELD ON 17TH AUGUST, 2012 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SHRI P.MITRA, ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY (FISHERIES).

The following officers participated in the Meeting:

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| 1. | Smt. Pushpa Patial
Deputy Secretary (Fisheries),
H. P. Secretariat, Shimla. | 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,
Fisheries Division Pong Dam,
Distt. Kangra, Himachal Pradesh.
Holding additional charge of ADF, Chamba. | Member |
| 6. | Sh. Rajan Sud
Assistant Director of Fisheries,
Fisheries Division Shimla,
Distt. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. | Member |
| 7. | Sh. Gurcharan Singh
Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries,
Himachal Pradesh-cum- Chief Executive Officer
H.P. Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society Bilaspur | Member Secretary |

At the outset, Chairman welcomed all the participants and asked **Member Secretary** to take up agenda items for discussion. Thereupon the following items were discussed and the decisions taken are shown below.

Item # 1.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 17TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10TH APRIL 2012.

Member Secretary informed that the minutes of the 17th Governing Council Meeting were circulated to all the members. No objections have been received from any member.

There upon the minutes of the 17th Governing Council Meeting were confirmed.

Item # 2

FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON DECISIONS OF LAST MEETING.

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

Member Secretary informed that 72.00 Lakh received from BBMB under the above project have been allotted for different construction works to HPSIDC but the construction works have not been executed so far despite repeated reminders.

After discussions, it was decided that HPSIDC be approached again for the execution/completion of all construction works in a time bound manner.

Action: DWF & CEO

(2) MAHSEER FISH SEED PROJECT:

Member Secretary informed that construction work of Mahseer Fish Seed Farm at Machhial, Tehsil Jogindernagar, Distt. Mandi (H.P.) was recently inspected by Hon'ble Minister of FCS & CA and Fisheries Himachal Pradesh on 6th August 2012 and certain shortcomings were pointed out.

These have been intimated to CEO-cum-Secretary, HIMUDA and others for compliance.

After discussions, it was decided that the shortcomings pointed out by Hon'ble Minister be got attended to by HIMUDA immediately and remaining works be got completed in a time bound manner.

Member Secretary further apprised that the Directorate of Cold Water Fisheries Research (ICAR), Bhimtal, Uttarakhand had been approached for breeding technology of Golden Mahseer for mass scale seed production at Mahseer Seed Farm, Machhial. An estimate of Rs. 15.00 lac as consultancy charges besides other facilities has been received from them but on telephonic conversation with Director, DCWFR, he has assured to send a team of scientists during the last week of August 2012 for spot survey and giving definite consultancy charges.

It was decided to wait for the visit of the team and their revised consultancy charges.

Action: DWF & CEO

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

Member Secretary informed that a sum of 100 lac were sanctioned by Government of India under this scheme. First installment of 50.00 lac has been received. Out of this amount, one ice plant at a cost of 22.2646 lac have been constructed at Trout Farm Patlikuhl and a sum of 27.7354 lac was allotted to HIMUDA for the construction of four Aqua Shops. Construction work of three Aqua Shops. at Sultanpur (Chamba),

Ghagus (Bilaspur) and Barot (Mandi) has been completed while construction work of Aqua Shop at Dhamwari (Shimla) is nearing

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completion. He further informed that matter regarding release of 2nd installment of funds has been taken up with GOI.

After discussion, it was decided to get the construction work of remaining Aqua Shop completed immediately and release of 2nd installment of 50.00 lac from Govt. of India be expedited.

**Action: Deputy Secretary (Fisheries), CEO
& ADF Shimla**

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

Member Secretary informed 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 released which has been deposited with HIMUDA on 26.5.2010 for the construction and installation of one mini ice plant at Dobar, Tehsil Bangana, Distt. Una. The civil work of this ice plant has almost been completed while installation of machinery is remaining.

After discussions, it was decided to get the remaining work completed at the earliest and steps be taken to expedite the release of 2nd installment of 54.00 lac.

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

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

Member Secretary informed that matter regarding operation/ functioning of Awareness Centre (Aquarium House) constructed at Bilaspur was

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discussed in the last meeting and decision on the transfer of this centre is awaited from the Government. It was informed that the Centre is fully functional but funds are not being received from the Government.

After discussion, it was decided that the terms and conditions of running this Centre on behalf of the Government be worked out. Till then the Society may run the Centre.

Action: CEO

(6) BEAUTIFICATION OF FISH FARMS.

Member Secretary informed 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 HPAFMS / Horticulture wing of PWD. He further requested that powers to call and accept the tenders of the amount already specified for AE (Civil), of the Society be delegated to the CEO and Tender Opening Committee of the following officers be constituted:-

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| 1. | CEO, HPAFMS | Chairman |
| 2. | DDF / ADF (Hqrs) | Member |
| 3. | ADF, Bilaspur | Member |
| 4. | AE (Civil),
HPAFMS | Member |
| 5. | S.O (F & A) | Member |

After discussions. it was decided to approve the above committee as well as delegate powers to call and accept tenders to CEO. Further, it was decided to obtain the services of Executive Engineer

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of H. P. Agriculture Marketing Board as Technical Advisor on monthly honorarium basis for according technical sanctions.

Action: CEO, DDF Patlikuhl / ADF Bilaspur

(7) UPGRADATION OF THE EXISTING TRAINING CENTRES.

Member Secretary informed that there are two training centers of the Department, at Patlikuhl (Kullu) and Deoli (Bilaspur) where two projectors have been provided by the Society. As decided in the last meeting, two Laptops have also been provided. Booklets / brochures have been given to DDF / ADF's for updation which is still awaited. ADF Shimla, participating in the discussion requested for providing Laptops to all the officers for facilitating office work.

After discussions, it was decided to provide one laptop each to all the DDF's / ADF's in the Directorate of Fisheries by purchasing the same from H. P. State Electronics Corporation Shimla. All the officers should complete updation work of booklets / brochures within a month positively.

Action: CEO & All concerned officers.

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

Member Secretary informed that it was decided in the last meeting that rent received from Angler Lodges, Angling Huts, Rest Houses and Training Centres etc. be deposited with HPAFMS and expenditure on their

maintenance shall be borne by the Society. Notification in this regard is awaited.

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After discussions, it was decided that since above infrastructure has been created on Government/ Departmental land and the rest houses, lodges, training centres, etc. have been constructed from Government funds, hence rent should continue to be deposited into Govt. Treasury. However in case the Government wants the Society to run these rest houses/angler lodges/training centre and also to meet the cost of electricity and repair maintenance of these buildings then agreement may be entered into with the Government. The agreement should specify what charges can be levied by the Society from the users of these facilities.

Action: CEO

(9) PURCHASE OF MOTOR BOATS FOR THE RESERVOIRS.

Member Secretary informed that supply order for the purchase of two FRP Motor Boats, each for Gobind Sagar and Maharana Pratap Sagar has been placed on M/s Aquarius Fibreglas Pvt. Ltd., Goa, after completing all codal formalities and pre-despatch inspection is to be conducted during the month of September 2012 after receiving communication from the firm.

This was noted.

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 that as per proposal received from ADF Chamba through Directorate of Fisheries, 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

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Fisheries, Chamba (HP) but so far the Angling Hut has not yet been taken over from the executing agency. ADF Chamba informed that construction work of Angling Hut Holi is likely to be completed within a month or so, hence purchase of furniture / kitchen items be initiated.

After discussions, it was decided to initiate action for the purchase of furniture and kitchen items from Government undertaking / agency and ADF Chamba should ensure completion of the construction work of Angling Hut within one month.

Action: CEO/ ADF Chamba

(11) UTILIZATION OF AN AMOUNT OF RS. 4,62,694/- 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 had been 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.

After discussions, DDF Patlikuhl was asked to submit the proposal early.

Action: DDF, Patlikuhl

(12) PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

Member Secretary informed that as per decision taken in the last meeting, a vehicle (Mahindra Scorpio) has been purchased and the vehicle

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is to be transferred to the Directorate of Fisheries for use as pooled vehicle. This vehicle was to be transferred after a driver becomes available in the Directorate. A case for conversion of the post of Junior Technician (Mechanic) into Driver was sent to the Government by the Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries which has also been approved, but now the Junior Technician (Mechanic) Sh. Shakti Chand has refused to accept the offer. Member Secretary requested that the services of a driver be allowed to be outsourced so that vehicle transferred to the Directorate can be used.

After discussions, outsourcing of one Driver for the Directorate of Fisheries at Bilaspur by the Society was approved.

Action: DWF & CEO

(13) 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 a sum of 668 lac under NMPS – a component of RKVY- for initiating “Cage Culture’ in the State’s two main reservoirs has been received. He further informed that tenders for the supply, installation and one year operation to get envisaged fish production of 2 – 3 metric tonnes were invited on 17.07.2012 but no firm

participated. Now, the tenders have again been invited for opening on 18.08.2012.

After discussions, the above action of CEO was approved.

Action: CEO

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

Member Secretary informed that one Angling Lake has been got constructed through HIMUDA at Trout Farm Patlikuhl (Kullu) at an cost of 54.33 lac which is at its final stage of completion. Proposal submitted by DDF Patlikuhl for the use of Angling Lake was placed before the house for discussion as Annexure-I.

After detailed discussions, it was decided that license fee on the rates as given in the H. P. Fisheries Rules 1979, be deposited in the Government treasury. However, cost of the fish caught from this Lake by the Anglers be deposited with HPAFMS for the time being. The rest of the proposal was also approved.

Action: CEO & DDF Patlikuhl

Item # 3:

EXPENDITURE STATEMENT OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 2011-12.

Member Secretary informed that Society's balance sheet for the year 2011-12 has been prepared and audited by the Chartered Accountant and the same is placed before the House for approval as Annexure-II.

After discussions, approval of this item was deferred. The Member Secretary will obtain detailed clarifications from the auditors.

Item # 4:

FUNDS REQUIREMENT FOR FISH SEED STOCKING IN STATE'S RESERVOIRS

Member Secretary informed that Fish Seed Stocking is done by the Directorate of Fisheries every year in State's reservoirs for getting

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sustained fish yield. This year Rs. 10.00 lac had been approved for fish seed stocking in the reservoirs under RKVY Stream-I but due to less release of funds by GOI, less amount has been received. The directorate has requested Rs. 10.00 lac for the purchase of fish seed for stocking in the reservoirs. In case sufficient funds are released under RKVY this year, then the same shall be returned to Society.

After discussions the expenditure of Rs. 10.00 lac for the purchase of Fish Seed for stocking in reservoirs as proposed above was approved.

Action: DWF & CEO

Item # 5 :

PERMISSION TO ENGAGE RETIRED CLERICAL OFFICIALS IN THE DEPARTMENT AGAINST VACANT POSTS ON HONORARIUM BASIS AND DATA ENTRY OPERATORS FROM NIELIT SHIMLA.

Member Secretary informed that Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries has sent a proposal that in the face of acute shortage of clerical staff in the directorate, some retired clerical staff can be engaged on monthly honorarium basis by the Society who may be posted in the Directorate of Fisheries and in the offices of Society's Activity Centres. The monthly honorarium may be fixed from Rs. 8000/- to 10000/- per month since the

Data entry Operators provided by NIELIT are being paid @ Rs. 6921/- per person per month. Further hiring of few Data Entry Operators from NIELIT Shimla in the Directorate of Fisheries as well as other Activity Centers of the Society will make the working smooth. The requirement of clerical staff

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as well as Data Entry Operators is as under:

Sr. No.	Office / Activity Centre	Retd. Clerical Officials	Data Entry Operators	Remarks
1.	Directorate of Fisheries, Bilaspur (H.P.)	3	2	Officials engaged shall be posted against vacancies to run the work smoothly.
2.	Office of Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl, Distt. Kullu (H.P.)	1	-	In Patlikuhl office only one superintendent is available and by providing one retired official, work of this office will run smoothly.
3.	Office of Assistant Director of Fisheries, Bilaspur (H.P.)	1	1	Since two clerical officials shall be retiring on 30/09/2012 from this office, engagement of two officials will be a fillip to the gap.
	Total	5	3	

After detailed discussions, the hiring of retired clerical staff as detailed above, @ Rs. 8000/- per month and further hiring of three

data entry operators from NIELIT was approved out of Society funds till the filling up of clerical posts in the Directorate of Fisheries.

Action: DWF & CEO

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Item#6:

ENGAGEMENT OF ONE RETIRED CLERICAL OFFICIAL IN THE SOCIETY AT BILASPUR.

Member Secretary informed that at present two clerks are working in the Society at Bilaspur on contract basis. Out of these two clerks, one has been selected by the Himachal Pradesh Subordinate Service Selection Board, Hamirpur and is therefore likely to leave within a month or so. It is proposed to engage one retired clerical official / stenographer in the Society on monthly honorarium basis so that work of the society runs smoothly.

The hiring of one retired clerical official @ Rs. 8000/- per month after completing all codal formalities was approved. This appointment should be made after the reliving of present incumbent of the Society.

Action: DWF & CEO

Item # 7:

DEMAND OF HELPERS AT FISH SEED FARMS

Member Secretary informed that in the face of the acute shortage of helper staff at Trout / Carp Farms, routine work of these farms is being affected and DWF (H.P.) as well as DDF Patlikuhl has requested the Society to deploy following helpers through outsourcing at the following Fish Farms so that seed production work at these farms runs smoothly:-

Sr. No.	Trout / Carp farms	Number
1.	Trout Farm Patlikuhl, District Kullu, (H.P.)	2
2.	Carp Farm Nalagarh District Solan (H.P.)	1
3.	Carp Farm Deoli (Gagret) District Una (H.P.)	2
	Total	5

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After detailed discussions, the hiring of helpers as indicated above through outsourcing was approved.

Action: DWF & CEO

Item # 8

DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON LETTER RECEIVED FROM INCOME TAX OFFICER (i&ci) CHANDIGARH REGARDING NON QUOTING OF PAN U/S 139A(5) & 272B OF THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

Member Secretary informed that a letter has been received from Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax, Mandi Circle, Mandi regarding entering into financial transactions without quoting Pan number, reply of which was sent after consultation with Chartered Accountant. Now a letter has been received from Director of Income Tax (I & CI) Chandigarh vide which they have asked for the Permanent Account Number (PAN) of the Society. Uptill now, the Society has not applied for Permanent Account Number, hence Member Secretary requested the house for guidance and decision in this regard.

After discussions, the CEO, was authorized to apply for Permanent Account Number (PAN) after consultation with the Society's Chartered Accountant.

Action: CEO

In his concluding remarks, Chairman stated that he had not objected to the proposals as this was the first time he attended such a meeting and had been assured that the various proposals were as per the past practice of the Society. He was however surprised that there was total mixing up of Government-Society funds. Apart from modest funds received by the Society directly, the vast majority of the funds were

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Government of India/State Government funds for implementation of schemes or interest earned on deposit of such Government funds. Earning of interest on Government funds is itself objectionable. Further these funds are being used to provide staff, vehicles, other equipment for use in the Directorate/its subordinate offices/farms, which is not correct because in the process, Government rules/regulations and procedures concerning such expenditure are totally circumvented.

Secondly, it was noticed that the Fisheries Directorate and the Society are doing each others work seamlessly. This can lead to difficulties later on. In his view, the relationship between the Directorate and the Society should be at arms length.

Lastly in case the Society earned interest on Government funds, it could become liable to Income Tax. Again in case the Society provided services in Angler Huts, etc, such services could be liable to Service Tax. He therefore asked CEO/Member-Secretary to quickly obtain advice on all these matters. Wherever necessary, the Society should obtain Government's approval or enter into agreements with the Government. Till then, expenditure from interest earned or recruitment of staff should be deferred.

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