

Minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting of HP Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2004 at Patlikuhl.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting of HP Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society was held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2004 at Indo Norwegian Trout Farm, Patlikuhl under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Bharathi S. Sihag, Secretary( Agriculture & Fisheries) Government of Himachal Pradesh. Among those present were:

1. Sh. B.R. Koundal  
Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries  
Himachal Pradesh  
Member
2. Sh. B.D. Sharma  
Deputy Director of Fisheries  
Patlikuhl, Distt. Kullu.  
Member
3. Sh. N.S. Chaudhry  
Deputy Director of Fisheries (HQ)  
Directorate of Fisheries, Bilaspur.  
Member
4. Sh. Gurcharan Singh  
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Pong dam.  
Member
5. Sh. D.K. Sharma  
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Chamba  
Member
6. Sh. R.P. Dogra  
Assistant Director of Fisheries, Bilaspur  
Member
7. Sh. Tapes Chohan  
Fisheries Officer, Shimla.  
Member
8. Dr. Kuldip Kumar  
Secretary  
Advisor (Fisheries)  
Member

Initiating the meeting the Chairperson welcomed the members of the Society and asked the Member secretary to take up agenda for discussion.

**Item #1 Confirmation of the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting:**

Taking up the first agenda item, the MS informed the house that the proceedings of the last Governing Council Meeting were circulated to all the society members and since no Objection has been received from any of the members as such the same may be confirmed. The house approved the item.

**Item # 2 Extension of registration period of AF&M Society for two years w.e.f. 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2004 to 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2006.**

The MS informed the house that HP Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society was registered for an initial period of two years w.e.f. 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2002 to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2004 vide registered cum ADM Bilaspur order No. 30/588 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2002. and since the functioning of the HP Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society, Bilaspur is likely to continue, as such registration period require extension for further period of two years.

Taking in view the above justification and the likelihood of continuation of functioning of the Society, the house decided that the registration period of the Society may be got extended for a further period of two years i.e. February 2006.

(Action: Advisor (Fisheries))

**Item # 3 Follow up action on the decision taken in the 5<sup>th</sup> Governing Council meeting of the Society.**

The MS informed the members about the action taken (item wise) on the major decision taken during the last Governing Council meeting.

Follow up action on the decision taken in the 5<sup>th</sup> Governing Council meeting of the Society:

Item (s)	Detail (s)
1) A decision was taken that Chairperson of HP Aquaculture, Fishing & Marketing Society would undertake a visit of Mahseer Fish Farm Lonavala prior to finalization of awarding of consultancy to Dr.S. Ogale,	The proposal visit is yet to be undertaken by Secretary (fisheries).

<p>Env. Officer, Mahseer Fish farm, Lonavala</p>	
<p>2) A decision was taken for import of 2.00 lakhs 'eyed ova' for building up adequate stock of trout seed in different farms.</p>	<p>The import of 2.00 lakh 'eyed ova' has already been made and stocked in Patlikuhl, Nagni, Sangla &amp; Dhamwari trout farms. The stocking of 'eyed ova' of trout could not be made at Barot &amp; Holi farm in view of inadequate water supply at the farms and non-completion of work regarding augmentation of water supply.</p>
<p>2 (a) Purchase of drier for the feed mill of Patlikuhl farm.</p>	<p>Action was to be indicated at departmental level.</p>
<p>2 b) discarding of old bags and purchase of new one.</p>	<p>The decision has been implemented.</p>
<p>3 (a) Purchase of Olympus microscope.</p>	<p>Funds amounting Rs. 12.00 lakhs for purchase of microscope have been released by Govt. only during April 2004. the requisite specification about the microscope and its accessories has been provided to the department and necessary action is indicated at departmental level.</p>
<p>3 (b) Holding of National Level Workshop on Fish Pathology.</p>	<p>The said workshop has already been organized.</p>
<p>3 (c) Disposal of old formulated feed.</p>	<p>Action was to be taken by the department. As per available information the department sought requisition from the field officers and they have expressed their inability to lift the stock.</p>
<p>3 (d) Free supply of formulated trout feed from Patlikuhl Trout farm to other departmental farms.</p>	<p>The decision has been implemented.</p>
<p>4) BBMB project: promotion of Fisheries in riparian area of Suketi Khad and adjacent streams</p>	<p>Action already taken.</p>
<p>Item 5,6,7,8,9 and 10</p>	<p>Governing Council decisions regarding these items have been implemented.</p>

- As far as item 1 is concerned, Secretary (Fisheries) was of the view that it was premature to undertake a visit to Lonavla farm at present. The visit would be undertaken once the site for setting up of a Mahseer seed farm in Himachal was firmed up.

- As far item 2 (a) the Advisor(fisheries) favoured the appointment of a suitable consultant tasked for procurement of a feed Drier. It was further decided that the services of a consultant would be taken on a token remuneration not exceeding Rs. 10,000/- plus local hospitality. It was further decided that a MoU on suitable lines may be prepared jointly by the Advisor (fisheries), and DDF, Patlikuhl. The DDF Patlikuhl would provide the precise specifications of the drier to the consultant. The fee of consultant would be paid from the Society funds.

**(Action-Advisor Fisheries/DDF, Patlikuhl)**

- As far item 3 (c ) it was decided that in view of expensive nature of fish meal & formulated trout fish feed, the Department may insert an advertisement in the leading Newspapers for disposal of feed, failing which the feed may be transferred to departmental carp farms.

(Action- Director-cum-Warden of Fisheries)

- As far item 4 it was informed by the Nodal Officer that the training programme for identified beneficiaries would be started at Deoli farm with in a fortnight. Further, the work on the project would be taken up as per approved item wise sanction of BBMB. Nurseries would be constructed at Deoli farm instead of Alsu farm. Further, with the joining of Sh. D.K. Sharma as ADF at Mandi office, he would also take the responsibility of Nodal Officer of the project.

**(Action-Director, Fisheries)**

**Item # 4. Progress mace under different projects during the intervening meeting period of the Society:**

MS informed the members that during the reported period, all efforts were made to revive fisheries activities in trout farms and raise adequate quantity of troutling, as well as saleable trout. While success has been achieved in Patlikuhl and Nagni farms, the position in other farms is still unsatisfactory mainly due to inadequate or unstable water supply and apathy of the construction agencies/ departmental officers.

Besides undertaking the breeding of the available breedable trout stock of Nagni and Patlikuhl farms, two lakh 'eyed ova' of rainbow trout were imported from Denmark in two installments. The first instalment of one lakh was hatched at Bathar (Patlikuhl) hatchery. The survival rate from eggs to fingerling stage remained over 60% . Presently there is a stock approximately 62,000 advance fry at Bathar hatchery. The fry have attained the average size of over 3.0 grams. As far as the stock position of sale-able fish, the Patlikuhl farm has a stock of 7.5 tonnes available in the farm's raceways. And 2.7 tonnes of trout has already been sold during the last two

and half months. The sale position of the existing trout stock is currently exceedingly low, in view of on-going summer season. In a bid to boost sales the department is taking all efforts and inserting advertisement has also been displayed in the Departmental website.

Out of the second instalment of one-lakh eggs, 65,000 eggs were distributed to Nagni, Dhamwari & Sangla farms. The remaining 35,000 'eyed ova' had to be diverted/supplied under compulsion to ICAR research station, Bhimtal on payment as the water supply position of Barot & Holi farms was inadequate and the seed rearing programme would have encountered high mortality. At Nagni, the survival rate from 'eyed ova' to fingerlings was also 60%. The stock has grown up to early fingerlings was also 60%. The stock has grown up to early fingerling stage and these would be reared to marketable size besides, seed rearing programme in the Tirthan and Sainj streams. Similarly the seed rearing activities of the 'eyed ova' stock, procured from Uttaranchal and Denmark was going on satisfactory but as per a recent information, large scale mortality has been encountered, due to bursting of the recently purchased troughs, the matter requires investigation as troughs were purchased only 3 months back.

**(Action-Advisor, Fisheries)**

**Item # 5 Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam funded project entitled 'Development of fisheries in the Nathpa Jhakri reservoir':**

Under this project, out of the sanctioned grant Rs. 160 lakhs, the department has received only one installment of Rs. 50.00 lakh. The released funds are to be spent on the renovation / re-construction and expansion of rearing space of trout fish farm Sangla and seed stocking. In pursuance of an earlier decision taken in the Governing Council, the farm construction works have been awarded to SIDC, Shimla. Funds to the tune of Rs. 38,38,100/- have already been spent.

Reacting on it the Chairperson said that the visit of the joint inspection team is long overdue and it requires to be completed immediately so that next instalment of funds can be released to the department by SJVM. In response to this the Advisor (fisheries) clarified that the date of the visit of the joint team is to be fixed by SJVN official and any delay, if any, is at SJVN level. However, the MS assured that the visit of the joint inspection team would be completed before the end of June 2004.

**(Action-Advisor, fisheries)**

**Item # 6 NORAD sponsored project , entitled ‘Fish health studies under rainbow trout farming in Himachal Pradesh’**

The MS delineated the progress made under this foreign aided project indicated that the major activities under the project viz. exchange visit of scientists , revival of seed rearing programme ‘import of eggs’ holding of workshop ,preparation of annual report have by and large completed. Few activities, which are still in continuation, are:

- Completion of Pathological Laboratory.
- Purchase of equipment/ chemical/ regents.
- Preparation of manual on fish health.
- Preparation of ICAR aided research projects in collaboration with NBFGR Lukhnow, CIFE, Mumbai and NCR on Coldwater fisheries, Bhimtal.
- Final Project Report of NORAD sponsored project entitled ‘Fish health studies under rainbow trout farming in Himachal Pradesh.

Reacting on it, the Chairperson stressed the need for immediate completion of civil works of pathological Laboratory. She specifically instructed to Advisor (Fisheries) to take up the matter with construction agency and get the work completed at the earliest by July end. According to Chairperson:

- The work on final report of the project be also be expedited and report be completed by October end.
- Proposal for continuation/sustenance of the on-going Institutional Cooperation Project on ‘Fish Health’ as well as other related projects be formulated and taken up with Norwegian Government.
- Purchase of equipments/optical/regents/chemicals/glassware etc for the Pathological Laboratory be finalized.
- Manual of Do’s & Don’ts on Hatchery Practices being prepared jointly with National Veterinary Institute, Oslo, Norway be completed.

Advisor (Fisheries) assured that action on all the above listed items would be taken up in a time bound manner

**(Action-Advisor, Fisheries)**

**Item # 7 BBMB Funded Project entitled ‘Development of fisheries in the riparian area of Suketi khad and adjacent streams’**

MS stated that the said project, as per earlier decision was transferred to the department and SFO Mandi was made Nodal Officer. He further said that a commitment has been given to BBMB authorities to complete the project work with in 18 months.

Reacting on it, DWF said that for want of space, an approval has been got received from the Govt. for construction of addition rearing space at Alsu instead of Deoli farm. Intervening on it Advisor (fisheries) said any change in the use of funds requires sanction of BBMB and funds provided for any specific work can not re-appropriated at department level.

Later, recognizing the need for creation of more seed rearing nurseries it was decided that fund utilization be made as per sanction accorded by BBMB, nurseries be made at Deoli fish farm and no change be made in the approved plan of action. The Chairperson emphasized the need for expediting work on project especially the training part. As far-limited response of locals for taking up fish farming it was decided that more camps be organized for identifying the beneficiaries who could adopt fish farming.

The Chairperson showed his deep concern for expediting the pace of work under the project. It was also decided that in view of joining of Sh. D.K. Sharma, as ADF Mandi he would work as Nodal Officer of the project and send progress reports to all concerned BBMB, DWF and Advisor (Fisheries) periodically.

#### **Item # 8. Financial Statement of the Society.**

Financial statement of the Society was presented to all members. To a query sought by the Chairperson that whether the Society's accounts are being audited , the Advisor (Fisheries) replied affirmatively. It was desired that in future, the Audit report be placed before the Governing Body.

**(Action-Advisor, Fisheries)**

#### **Item # 9. Other Issues**

##### **a) Up-gradation of old computer:**

The MS informed the house that during 1999-2000 a Compaq Desktop Computer was purchased under the Norwegian aided project. There is need to up-grade it RAM, HDD, SMPS and some other components involving app expenditure of Rs. 15000/-  
In view of the genuineness of the proposal, the house approved the item.

##### **b) Augmentation of water supply of Patlikuhl hatchery:**

The proposal received from DDF, Patlikuhl by the Society for augmentation of water supply involving an expenditure of Rs. 46.18 was discussed in the meting. Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl stressed

the need for undertaking the work as according to him the additional water would significantly enlarge the seed raising capacity of the farm.

The item was approved with the remarks that the funds for the works would be carved out from project funds by the Society

**(Action Advisor (Fisheries)/DDF)**

**c) Pending TA bills of Veterinary Officer, AH Department**

The item for granted pending TA bills was approved. It was decided that the said bills would be scrutinized and verified by DDF, Patlikuhl and later forwarded to Advisor(Fisheries) for necessary action.

**(Action Advisor(Fisheries)/DDF)**

**d) Sanction of Motor Boat for the office of ADF Pong:**

MS informed the member that in pursuance to instructions of Hon'ble Minister (AH & Fisheries) that a mechanized boat be provided to the Pong reservoir, an exercise was made at the Directorate level for seeking tenders and its processing. Later a request was received by the Society from the department for release of Rs. 4.76 lakhs in connection with purchase of boat .

Reacting on the item the DDF(HQ) stated that the Govt. has sought certain clarifications on the said proposal and reply to these queries is being sent. It was also decided that since the action regarding issuance of sanction for the boat is being taken at the Government level, as such decision of the Government may be awaited.

**(Action: DDF(HQ))**

**e) Engaging two casual workers for fixed period at Deoli Fish Farm during the periodicity for breeding season:**

The Ms informed the house that the ADF, Bilaspur has sent a proposal for engaging two casual workers for a fixed period of three months at Deoli fish farm during the periodicity of on-going breeding season.

The house decided that in view of imminent need of additional hands, at the farm, sanction may be granted as a special case for engaging two workers for a fixed period of 59 days to ADF, Bilaspur.

The funds for payment to these workers may be provided by the Society.

**(Action: Advisor (fisheries))**



Completely devoid of stock, is now full of trout stock. This bespeaks the meticulous efforts and dedication of the Patlikuhl staff and we can consider any other farm next year in view of the performance in seed raising as well as table size fish production . DDF (HQ) contested that staff of Nagni farm has also done a quite good job. Agreeing on the contention of DDF(HQ). MS suggested inclusion of staff of Nagni also in the incentive scheme.

Wrapping up the entire discussion on the issue, the Chairperson said that Advisor (Fisheries) may hold a meeting of department officials and discuss progress of each farm and later send a comprehensive proposals on modality criteria and norms for providing incentives to staff of Patlikuhl and Nagni farm. Separate criteria would need to be evolved for trout and carp farms. Issues such as size, facilities, staff etc. would also need to be factored in.

The item was approved in principle with a rider that action on the proposal would be taken after receipt of supplementary information from Advisor (fisheries) by the Chairperson.

**(Action: Advisor Fisheries)**

The meeting ended with the Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

## FINANCIAL STATUS

### RECEIPTS

### EXPENDITURE

S #	Item(s)	2002-03	2003-04	Total	2002-03	2003-04	Apr-04	Total
1	NJPC	50,00,000	-	50,00,000	38,20,350	14,637	3,113	38,38,100
2	NORAD	7,45,000	5,20,000	12,65,000	1,34,995	5,43,093	3,19,437	9,97,525
3	GOI Mahseer farm	68,25,000	-	68,00,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	
4	GOI path. Lab.	30,00,000	-	30,00,000	Nil	8,61,000	Nil	8,61,000
5	BBMB		36,00,000	36,00,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	
6	NHPC	20,00,000	-	20,00,000	16,16,850	383,150	Nil	20,00,000
7	S & T		25,000	25,000	Nil	3,050	Nil	3,050
8	NORAD assistance for Lab. Equipments	-	12,10,000	12,10,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,75,70,000</b>	<b>83,55,000</b>	<b>2,29,25,000</b>	<b>55,72,195</b>	<b>18,03,930</b>	<b>3,22,550</b>	<b>76,99,675</b>

RECEIPTS					
s. #	Item(s)	2002-03	2003-04	Total	Apr-04
	Farms				
	Patlikuhl	19,96,837	1,87,105	21,83,942	
	Barot	1,25,102		1,25,102	
	Nagni	2,99,398	22,000	3,21,398	
	Ghagus	91,113	92,099	1,83,212	
	<b>Total:-</b>	<b>25,12,450</b>	<b>3,01,204</b>	<b>28,13,654</b>	
	Interest	2,69,99,83	9,31,930.54	12,00,930.37	
EXPENDITURE					
	Salary	1,06,400	2,78,437	3,84,837	27,293
	TA	47,239	80,755	1,27,994	
	Misc.	61,560	21,620	83,180	148
	Fish Seed		36,728	36,728	
	Patlikuhl R/H		1,35,227	1,35,227	
	Pong Anglers Lodge		66,712	66,712	
	Pong vehicle		4,44,719	4,44,719	
	Deoli R/H				1,10,473
	<b>Total:-</b>	<b>2,15,199</b>	<b>10,64,198</b>	<b>12,79,397</b>	<b>1,37,914</b>