

Minutes of 8th Governing Council Meeting of HP Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society held on 16th January, 2006 at the Directorate of Fisheries, HP, Bilaspur.

The 8th meeting of Governing Council of HP Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society held on 16th January, 2006 at the Directorate of Fisheries, HP, Bilaspur under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Bharathi S. Sihag, Secretary (fisheries), Government of Himachal Pradesh. Besides Chairperson, the following members attended the meeting:-

1. Sh. L.R. Chauhan,
Additional Secretary (Fisheries) to the Government of HP.
2. Sh. B.D. Sharma, Director –cum- Warden of Fisheries, HP.
3. Sh. D.K. Sharma, Deputy Director of Fisheries (Hqrs).
4. Sh. R.K. Korla, Deputy Director of Fisheries, Patlikuhl.
5. Sh. P.C. Patial, Assistant Director of Fisheries, Bilaspur.
6. Sh. Vijay Kumar Puri, Assistant Director of Fisheries, Chamba.
7. Sh. Suneel Mehta, Assistant Director of Fisheries, Shimla.
8. Sh. Mahesh Kumar, Assistant Director of Fisheries, Mandi.
9. Sh. N.S. Chaudhary, Chief Executive Officer, HP Aquaculture, Fishing and Marketing Society

Initiating the meeting, the Chairperson welcomed all the participants of the meeting and after brief introduction with each of them the Member Secretary took up the agenda items for discussions:-

Item No. 1 Confirmation of the proceedings of 7th Governing Council Meeting.

Taking up the agenda items the member Secretary informed the House that the minutes of previous meeting had been circulated to all the Governing Council Members and since no objection received from any of the Members as such the same may be confirmed.

The House approved the item.

Item No. 2 Follow-up action on the decisions taken in the 7th Governing Council Meeting.

➤ **Procurement of Feed Drier:**

The Director-cum-Warden of fisheries, Himachal Pradesh (DWF) informed that the matter was taken up with a Feed Mill Manufacturing Company viz. M/s Precision Products, Ahmedabad but no response received till date. On this, the Chairperson said that this is a long delayed issue and every time it comes up for discussion and suggested it would be better to contact NORAD official/ Suppliers to help us in buying a new fish feed Mill. The DWF further told that HP Agro Industries is manufacturing cattle feed and if this agency accedes to manufacture a sample of trout feed as per parameters and formula prescribed by the Fisheries department then department may test on its live-stock. If this sample of feed is found conforming to our requirement then production of trout feed could be considered for outsourcing to HP Agro Industries Corporation. The Chairperson told that the matter would be taken up at Government level with the authorities of Agro Industries to prepare a sample trout feed.

(Action: Secretary Fisheries/DWF)

➤ **Genetic Upgradation Project:**

The Member Secretary informed the House that he had written the letter to NBFGR Lucknow and HPKV Palampur to prepare the project entitled '**Genetic Upgradation of Rainbow Trout**' but both the institutions informed telephonically that it would be better to import the genetic upgraded strains of Rainbow Trout as this kind of project takes about 11-12 years to accomplish. After discussion, it was decided that consignment of one lakh eyed ova of genetic upgraded Rainbow Trout be imported after 5-6 years to introduce new stock at the farms.

(Action: DWF/DDF Patlikuhl)

➤ **Progress report of Fish Farms:**

While reviewing the construction works progress of the farms the DWF & ADF Mandi informed that construction work of old water supply of Barot Farm was being executed by the HPPWD for the last 5-6 years but it was still incomplete. Showing dis-satisfaction on the slow pace of the work the Chairperson directed that HPPWD be asked to complete the work before April, 2006 and in case of their failure to complete it within this period, the work be outsourced to the HIMUDA.

(Action: DWF/ADF Mandi)

➤ **Initiation of 'Award' to outsourcing Fish Farmers by the Society:**

The MS told that the information had been received from the department in connection with production of fish seed and sale of table-sized fish in private farms was without authenticity. After discussion it was decided that initiation of Award is necessary to generate competition in the field of fish farming in the state, but prior to finalization of candidature for the award **authenticity** of the information be **verified**. Further the Chairperson wanted that the question of Awards being institute in a four year or quinquennial basis be considered until sufficient competition developed in the private domain to justify annual awards. Credible criteria for giving the awards also needed to be evolved as also a credible search Committee.

(Action: DWF/CEO)

➤ **Payment of imported feed and seed:**

The Governing Council accorded its approval to defer the said payment for the time being.

Item No. 3 Formal approval for appointment of Chief Executive Officer.

The Governing Council ratified the appointment of Sh. N.S. Chaudhary as Chief Executive Officer of the Society for one year authorizing to exercise administrative and financial powers.

Item No.4 SJVN sponsored project 'Development of Fisheries in Nathpa Jhakri reservoir and tail end of Satluj river':

The progress of construction works being executed by the SIDC was reviewed and ADF Shimla informed that sedimentation tank constructed at Sangla farm has been washed in floods of 2005. As the sedimentation tank is a necessity for the farm, the Chairperson directed that **suitable site** be **selected** to construct the same. The DWF & ADF Shimla apprised the House of the difficulties being faced in looking after the works of Kinnaur and Shimla districts for want of vehicle. The Member Secretary apprised the House that there is a provision of Rs. 15.00 lakh in the component viz. Sundry expenditure and after getting the funds under the item from SJVN the vehicle for Shimla Division could be purchased out of this fund. The Governing Council **approved** the proposal. The Chairperson directed to get the other construction works completed from the SIDC as early as possible and directed the member Secretary to visits of Sangla to ensure early completion of the works during the next working season.

(Action: DWF/CEO/ADF Shimla)

Item No. 5 Progress under BBMB sponsored project 'Promotion of fisheries in the riparian area of Suketi Khad and its adjacent streams'.

Construction works being executed by the HIMUDA were reviewed by the Governing Council and Chairperson directed the ADF Bilaspur and Mandi to get the works completed as early as possible.

(Action: ADF Mandi/Bilaspur)

Item No. 6 Progress under Mahseer Fish Seed Project.

The Chairperson directed the DWF and CEO to contact the respective offices in connection with getting approval for transfer of land under the project so that work on this project started in this current financial year 2005-06.

(Action: DWF/CEO)

Item No. 7 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Strengthening of Post Harvest Infrastructure.

The Member Secretary informed that Government of India has approved a scheme entitled '**100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Strengthening of Post harvest Infrastructure**' to the tune of Rs. 1.00 crore and the 1st installment of Rs. 50.00 lakh has also been received by the Society. He also requested to select and approve the components on which the installment would be spent. The Governing Council **approved** the following items:-

- ✓ Construction of Ice Plant at Patlikuhl;
- ✓ Construction of Aqua shops on the same pattern at Patlikuhl, Barot, Sangla and Sultanpur Fish Farms; and
- ✓ Purchase of Deep Freezers, Weighing scales, computer etc.

The Chairperson directed that Design and Estimates of above works be got prepared by HIMUDA. A standard design be prepared with provision to prominently display the society logo and colours for all Aqua shops. It was further desired that the Keosik should be contemporary and attractive.

(Action: DWF/CEO)

Item No. 8 GOI grant for establishment of Pathological Laboratory.

The Member Secretary informed that Pathological Laboratory had been commissioned at Patlikuhl and its equipments and its equipments were under purchase. The DDF Patlikuhl assured that these would be received within a month. He further informed that the Laboratory was closed for want of posting of trained staff. After discussion the Chairperson directed the DWF to send a

proposal afresh to **post a Norway trained Senior Fisheries Officer** Shri Khem Singh at Patlikuhl office. The DDF Patlikuhl apprised the House that there is only one Part Time Worker at Patlikuhl who performed her duties for 4 hours in Office, fed Mill, Raceways, Farm premises etc. and it was becoming difficult for one worker to keep the Pathological Laboratory in Hygienic condition. In view of the exigency and more work for a Part Time Worker it was decided that **another Part-Time Worker** to be engaged for the Laboratory and funds be spent from the Society account.

(Action: DWF/CEO/DDF Patlikuhl)

Item No. 9 NHPC sponsored Project Stage-II.

The DWF informed that proposal for expansion of rearing space at Sultanpur fish farm has been sent to the Government for AA & ES. The DWF was directed to pursue the matter. The Governing Council also decided that an Aqua shop would be constructed at Sultanpur Fish Farm out of the balance funds received under NHPC sponsored Project Stage-II.

(Action: DWF/CEO)

Item No. 10 Patikari Hydro Electric Project.

While reviewing the works being executed under the Patikari Hydro Electric Project funds the Chairperson directed that Conference Hall should be well maintained and its flooring may be done as per work done in the Secretariat room.

(Action: DWF/CEO)

Item No. 11 Expenditure statement of the Society.

The Chairperson desired that henceforth balance sheet be put up in place of expenditure statement and the same be circulated to all the Members of the governing Council. As the earlier balance sheet for the year 2004-05 was not circulated as such the same is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

(Action: CEO)

Item No. 12 Any other item:

a. Funds to Patlikuhl office.

The Member Secretary informed that DWF has sent a proposal to provide the funds to meet out the expenses of electricity bill of Rs. 1.70 lakh and Rs. 3.80 lakh as cost of raw material for trout feed from the Society funds. The DDF Patlikuhl told that HPSEB has enhanced the electricity charges and bill about Rs. 40,000/- will

have to be paid every month. The Chairperson directed the DWF to provide funds in the next year in the SOE Office Expenses. The DWF & DDF Patlikuhl apprised the House of the increasing demand of trout feed in private and public farms. After discussion the Governing Council decided that electricity bills for the months of January, February & March, 2006 be paid out of Society funds. The Governing Council also authorized the Chief executive Officer of the Society to sanction and release the payment of the electricity bills for the above period only.

(Action: DWF/CEO/DDF Patlikuhl)

b. Sale rate of Trout Fish.

The existing rates of table-sized trout fish were discussed and it was decided that these rates be revised w.e.f. April, 2006 as under:-

❖ Trout Farm Patlikuhl	-	Rs. 230/- per kg.
❖ Trout Farm Barot	-	Rs. 200/- per kg.
❖ Trout Farm Holi	-	Rs. 200/- per kg.
❖ Trout farm Sangla	-	Rs. 200/- per kg.

(Action: DWF)

c. Providing insulated box/packing material.

The DWF & Member Secretary informed that there was a demand from the consumers that fish and feed should be sold in good packing material i.e. insulated box, jute bag etc. it was decided that the Society would arrange for the fish feed and fish packing material on cost basis subscribing its logo on them at all its trout/carp farming units at cost. The Chairperson directed that insulated boxes only having capacity of 1 kg and 2 kg be purchased and logo of the Society/Department be printed on these articles.

(Action: DWF/CEO/DDF Patlikuhl)

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.