

**Yakutat Regional Aquaculture Association**  
**January 4, 2013**  
**Yakutat High School Auditorium**

YRAA Board Members: Larry Bemis, Nate Endicott, , Herb Holcomb, Jonathan Pavlik, Nick Holcomb, Harold Robbins for Gary Johnson; Reggie Krkovich for Jack Endicott; Jessie Pavlik for Wayne Ivers and Martha Indreland arrived late at 5:26 pm

YRAA Board Members Absent:

Public: Kathy Hansen by teleconference

Larry Bemis, President handed the gavel over to Nate Endicott to chair the meeting. Meeting was called to order at 5:12 with a quorum of members present. Motion made to approve the agenda. A friendly amendment was made to remove approving the minutes as they did not get to the Board members in time to review. Motion to approve amended minutes passed unanimously.

New Business:

Herb/Nick made a Motion to send a letter to the Yakutat State Representative Alan Austerman and Senator Gary Stevens asking for a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) request in the amount of \$200,000. The Letter would justify the request in that the \$100K grant provided to new aquaculture associations developed in the 1978 legislation due to inflation does not provide the same amount of help. Based on inflation calculators it takes \$3.72 to equal \$1 in 1978. General outline to be provided for the use of the funds would include the following: providing the funding necessary to finish the Yakutat Salmon Comprehensive Plan rewrite (\$100K); Hire an employee, & set up an office. Any additional funds would go towards the purchase of necessary equipment to start a hatchery project or lease funds for a building or space to use for a hatchery/remote release site. Employee would be responsible for the permitting, on the grounds technician support work for permitting, helping the Board of Directors with annual reports, filings, budget and financial affairs etc.

Nate clarified that this motion provides the outline for the letter to be drafted to the legislators and would help fill the gap until we start to receive tax assessment. Hatcheries are able to ask the legislators for funding without the funding being funneled through a City Assembly. Larry asked if this is the same funding as tied up with the City that is going to ask to be re-appropriated. Question was called for and passed unanimously. Martha did not vote on this motion.

Nick/Jonathan made a Motion to delegate to Nate Endicott, YRAA Board member and Vice-President working with consultant Kathy Hansen and President Larry Bemis to prepare and present to the Yakutat City assembly a YRAA budget request for 2013. 1.) YRAA budget requests will include at a minimum a request for data loggers including funding to help with fuel costs for placement, retrieval and monitoring the loggers; 2013 election costs (\$4-5K); meetings costs (\$1K); 2.) This request will ask the assembly to review and re-consider the funding of the Situk Habitat Restoration Project. 3.) To have the City Assembly support as part of their Legislative CIP request an appropriation for the Yakutat Regional Aquaculture Association for \$200,000 (see previous motion).

Nate spoke to the last assembly meeting when the assembly requested a budget request from YRAA for the year with full budget and financial background be provided. A handout on the Situk River Fisheries habitat was provided to the Board (attached). The Situk River Fisheries Habitat project was discussed now that documentation had been secured for what the project consisted of. The City Manager and Planner have set the money aside from the Yakutat Salmon landing and use tax since it is already lined out but as part of the motion, we will be asking the Assembly to review the project and usefulness of continuing with it. The budget request will include data loggers, meeting and election expenses for 2013. Question was called and motion passed unanimously.

Nate gave a brief rundown of the dates important to the tax assessment vote. The public hearing is Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. The first ballot will be mailed after January 21<sup>st</sup> and public notices will be published in the Capital City Weekly on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Herb/Jessie made a motion to hold the Annual Meeting on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm at the ANB Hall. Question was asked of Kathy if she and Ed would be attending the meeting in person. She answered she didn't know at this time – it depends on what ends up on the agenda. She was also asked what might be on the agenda. At a minimum would be seating of the newly elected fishermen to the board – only nominations received were by those already serving on the board. Election of non-commercial seats (public at large & processor for 3year term and 1 2 year term for a public at large seat), review where you are on the tax assessment, appropriation request, assembly request, budget and financial review. Question was called and motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made and approved at 5:36 pm.

*Minutes approved as amended on March 2, 2013.*