

AFSAC Meeting Minutes January 3rd, 2012

In Attendance

Dr. Brian Himmelbloom – UAF/Fishery Industrial Technology Institute

Dr. Jean Holland – Doyon Universal Services

Brehan Kohl – DEC/FS&S

George Mayberry – Homeland Security/Military & Veterans Affairs

Randy Pfeuffer – DEC/FS&S

Morgan Poloni – DEC/FS&S

Ginger Provo – Section of Epidemiology

Tamie Rogers – Fred Meyer

Kimberly Stryker – DEC/FS&S

Lt. Ron Swartz – UAA Police

Michel Villon – Alaska Culinary Association

Dale Yamnik – Yum Brands

Updates – Kimberly Stryker

- John Walker has been promoted to lead Environmental Health Officer of the Soldotna DEC/FS&S field office.
- Two additional lead Environmental Health Officer positions are currently open. One position is open to department employees only and the other is open to all state employees. If members know of a well-qualified person who may wish to join the DEC FS&S team, they may find for information at: <http://dec.alaska.gov/commish/careers/index.htm>
- Proposed revisions to the Alaska Food Code dealing with exemptions are ready for review by the DEC commissioner. If he adopts them, Department of Law will review them for legality and they will then be filed by the Lt. Governor before they become law.
- Proposed revisions for Seafood Processing are currently in the planning stages.
- The following House Bills remain open from the last legislative session to be addressed this session:
 - HB 99: Labeling of farmed fish
 - HB 191: Department of Agriculture & Food
 - HB 202: Sale of food by producers to consumers

If members wish to learn more about bills that may be debated this session dealing with food safety, they may go to:

<http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/start.asp>

- Two representatives of FS&S will be attending the meeting of the Conference for Food Protection (CFP) to be held in Indianapolis this April.
- Kimberly will represent Alaska at a nationwide MFRPS meeting in March. The meeting is open to all 50 states but only approximately 39 are likely to participate (those enrolled in the MFRPS).

Old Business

The creation of a group to revise AFSAC-related documents that define the purpose of the group (bylaws, memberships, etc.) was discussed at a previous meeting. This group has not yet convened but Randy will schedule a meeting this month.

New Business

- 1) **Lt. Ron Swartz** – UAA Police has established 15 sites offering courses in community response training and emergency preparedness. Has offered faculty and facility space to statewide communities for emergency response preparedness training activities. anrcs@uaa.alaska.edu
- 2) **Kimberly Stryker** –
 - FDA will be conducting training in April focusing on managing food safety in retail and how to better conduct inspections. FS&S welcomes participation by groups outside of state agencies and there are two openings that remain. Members who have not already expressed interest in April Managing Retail Food Safety training in Anchorage should contact Morgan.Poloni@alaska.gov
 - Feedback regarding the Operator Survey will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 3) **Randy Pfeuffer** –
 - The Active Managerial Control (AMC) page in the FS&S website is now live but the links are not yet fully operational. AMC is referred to as Food Safety Management Systems in the FS&S website. The two terms are interchangeable.
 - Randy may be contacted directly regarding broken links in the FS&S website at Randy.Pfeuffer@alaska.gov . The website is: <http://dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/index.htm>

Open Comments

- 1) **Dr. Brian Himmelbloom** – The next Pacific Fisheries Technologists meeting in Anchorage is scheduled for February 12th-15th. Following the meeting, there is training in Kodiak for smoked fish. <http://pftfish.net/>
- 2) **Dale Yamnik** – CFP is a very important conference. Issues are discussed by a wide spectrum of people and Dale encourages anyone who is interested to try to attend. www.foodprotect.org
- 3) **Ginger Provo** –
 - The section of Epidemiology (EPI) is in the process of creating a website dealing specifically with foodborne illness. It is tentatively scheduled to go live in February. . The current site is: <http://www.epi.alaska.gov>
 - EPI is updating its contact list for foodborne and waterborne illnesses.
 - Training by the Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak Response (CIFOR) is scheduled for April 11th. FS&S, EPI, and the Municipality of Anchorage will be attending.

Action Items

- Randy will schedule meeting of subcommittee to look at AFSAC structure, purpose, etc. for January. Interested members include Jean, Herb, Kristina, Lorinda, Randy, Jeri, and Michel.
- Kim will have draft operator survey for group's comments and feedback for next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10th at 1:30 PM