

Quota Review Task Force Meeting Notes – September 19, 2016

Chair: Joe Neels

Attendees: Allan Cross, Allan Mulder, Sharmain Bennie

Staff: Stephanie Nelson, Joshua Crossett

Guest: Beata Kunze

Agenda:

1. Review of Agenda
 - No changes or additions.

2. Discussion of stakeholder input on Recommendation Package released August 19, and update presented to producers at the BCBHEPA meeting on September 15:
 - Producers appear to not be placing enough importance on the issues in the current system. This may be due to differing experiences between producers and their hatcheries.
 - Hatcheries' differences in efficiencies and hatches are not always apparent to all producers.
 - Given the questions posed it appeared that the producers did not read in depth, or fully understand, the Recommendation sent out for stakeholder input.
 - Negative connotations of using familiar terms was noted (e.g. responses that were evoked using the term "saleable dozen"); conversely, use of similar language may help producers get comfort over parts of the new system.
 - Conversations at the end of the meeting were a way in which producers could ask further questions; it appeared that many were open to new ideas.
 - Decoupling, a separate issue that resides with the Board and not this Task Force, was an idea to which some producers were open.
 - The pricing mechanism (i.e. payment system) currently is based upon relationships, with the Executive Director at the forefront.
 - There is a cultural change slowly taking shape where producers previously afraid to take issues up (due to pricing mechanism, ability for eggs to be rolled, not picked up, etc.) are now becoming involved and voicing their concerns – advocating for their commodity through appropriate channels.
 - The Commission is providing a Work Action Plan, and consulting at key points, which is part of the cultural change.
 - Hatcheries have not provided feedback to date.
 - Concerns raised over producers being confused between input cost and quota allocation.
 - Commission staff recommended a separate silo approach to next steps inclusive of an adjustment of the Task Force's Agenda to reflect Phase 1 and Phase being worked on very separately.
 - Representation at the Phase 2 development phase was discussed.

- The Task Force decided to ensure more consultative opportunities were harvested from Phase 2's process to ensure stakeholder feedback but not make meetings administratively heavy to schedule and conduct.
 - Frequency of meeting was also discussed and the current 4-6 week timeline between meetings was agreed to as appropriate.
 - Commission staff to prepare a consultation document for the Task Force's review, inclusive of considerations the Commission may want to make when reviewing the opinion of the stakeholders.
3. Review of last meeting's Task list
- Recommendation was edited and package sent out on August 19, 2016.
 - Notes from the June and July meetings will be posted upon Board approval.
4. Update Task List