

Colorado Aquaculture Board Meeting

Tuesday August 16, 2016

Colorado Department of Agriculture

305 Interlocken Parkway

Broomfield, CO 80021

Attendees

Board Members: Vice Chair Kendra Holmes, Greg Brunjak, Vicki Milano, Jeremy Liley, Pam Sponholtz, Wayne East.

Guests: Doug Krieger, CPW; Anthony Murray.

Meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were approved unanimously.

Aquaculture Permit Application Review

Wayne East explained that he received a new application requesting permission to possess Blue Tilapia, Red Claw Lobster, Barramundi, Jade Perch, Australian Bass, Rainbow Trout, Channel Catfish, and Fathead Minnow. Some of these species cause concern for predation, habitat loss, competition with native species, and the potential for the spread of disease. Vicki, Pam and Wayne will try to schedule an inspection on August 31st at the proposed site. The application lists that live transport will occur and questions arise as to where they will be transported. There are also questions about the biosecurity of the proposed facility. The CAB will continue discussions about this application at the September 6 board meeting.

Wayne will also follow up with CDA legal counsel to look into which agency should be responsible for inspections of new and renewing facilities.

Aquaponics

Wayne will check with legal counsel to confirm that CDA is not responsible for closed systems as long as no connectivity or transport occurs as the current aquaculture rules seem to indicate.

CAB board members are planning to create some educational materials for the aquaponics industry. Two meetings have been held with Colorado Aquaponics and they want to help create aquaponics-specific educational materials. Vicki and Wayne will put together some initial regulations and questions to get the ball rolling. Kendra will collect info from CPW and CDA to start creating a webpage and/or brochure.

Officers

Kendra was elected board chair, and Greg was elected vice chair.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for September 6, 2016 immediately following the Fish Health Board meeting at 6060 Broadway.

Meeting adjourned 4:18.