

# CALIFORNIA FISHERMEN'S RESILIENCY ASSOCIATION

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## **CFRA Board Report # 19**

April 24, 2023

### **CFRA Board Minutes**

**OPC grant: budget and financial report**

**CFRA administrative structure**

**CFRA bylaw amendments**

**Phase II funding for OPC Grant**

**Senate Bill 286**

**RODA News**

**Changes to CFRA membership**

These are the recorded CFRA Board minutes from an “in-person meeting held on April 14, 2023 at the Salmon Trollers Marketing Association Office, Noyo Harbor (south side) Fort Bragg

### **1. Open (1 p.m.)**

- Roll Call - RB Pincombe, Curtis Wilson, Ken Bates, Linda Hildebrand, Jake Mitchell, Laura Miller, Tony Cannia, Dick Ogg, John Barnett.  
Lynette Mullen - Grant Manager  
Guest - Dan Platt
- Review and approval of meeting minutes - Minutes from March 14, 2023 were read into the record by Ken Bates, Jake Mitchell made a motion to accept minutes, seconded by RB Pincombe, vote - unanimous yes

### **2. Reports**

- CFRA/OPC Grant (Lynette) - an overview of the current budget was presented with the addition of the Condition #7 honoraria payments of \$45,000. There was a brief discussion of how the OPC budget worked, specifically for the CFRA including “overhead” and “reimbursement”.

- CFRA Finances (Curtis, Lynette) - Lynette presented a budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, highlighting changes from the previous budget. She suggested that since we are now entering the second year of Phase I of our OPC agreement, we need to start preparing a proposal for Phase 2 of our OPC Agreement. Curtis Wilson, treasurer, suggested that a motion should be made to accept the amended 2023-2024 OPC Grant budget. The motion was made by Ken Bates, and seconded by RB Pincombe, Vote - unanimous yes
- CFRA Honoraria and travel expense (Lynette, Ken) - This was the first “in person” Board Meeting since the formation of the CFRA. Lynette explained to the Board how expenses for travel to this meeting would be reimbursed.
- OPC Grant Quarterly Report #2, January 1- April 1, 2023 (Ken, Linda) - Linda Hildebrand reported that the second quarterly report required by the OPC Grant was submitted to and accepted by OPC staff on April 5, 2023. The next quarterly report will be due in July.

### 3. Actions Items for Consideration

- Hiring subcontractor for General Manager position — Board members engaged in a discussion to continue building the CFRA administrative structure to be prepared for future operational challenges and which type of additional contract services will be useful over time. The board moved to establish and staff a General Management Subcontractor on a part time, /voluntary basis, as per bylaw Section Article IV, 4.1 and as described in a written job description (see addendum). A motion by RB Pincombe was made to send out a **Request for Proposal (RFP)** for General Management Services that would be part time and voluntary. The motion was seconded by John Barnett. The motion passed with a unanimous yes vote by the Board.
- Bylaw amendments for clarification, inclusivity, and diversity of CFRA Association membership. — This discussion centered around potential amendments to Article III, Section 3.2, Qualifications for Membership, and how to expand the category of Section 3.2. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Jake Mitchell to amend Section 3.2 and seconded by RB Pincombe as follows: *To be a voting member, the member association must be a California port commercial fishing association representing multiple gear types and multiple fisheries or a California Fishermen’s Association representing fishermen within the State of California. Both categories must be fishermen’s associations formed prior to January 1, 2019. The admission of any fishermen’s association formed on or after January 1, 2019, shall be permitted on a case by case basis, subject to approval of ¾ majority vote of the Board of Directors. The motion passed with a unanimous yes vote.*
- Amendment to Bylaw Article III, Membership, Section 3.3 - Removal of Members — Board members discussed clarification language for the removal of members. John Barnett made a motion to incorporate existing language in Bylaw Article IV, Section 4.6 into Bylaw Article III, Section 3.3 and was seconded by Dick Ogg, as follows: *Membership of any member shall cease on the occurrence of any of the following events: to have engaged in activities that are directly contrary to the interests of the corporation, or the member is found to be engaged in the misrepresentation of the corporation and its policies to outside third parties, either willfully or on a repeated basis”. The motion passed with a unanimous yes vote.*
- Regional Management Committee Formation. The Board discussed Article IV, Section 4.17 concerning the problem of establishing a Regional Management Committee as per Section 4.17 in areas where there are insufficient local fishermen’s organizations, or under-represented fisheries in a given impacted area or region, and further discussed the need to define Regional Management Committee term limits. A motion was made by Jake Mitchel to incorporate the following language into Article IV, Section 4.17 and seconded by Curtis Wilson:

*If the Board finds the need to establish a regional Management Committee in an area, region, port or California County where:*

- A. *There exist no qualifying port members association as per section 3.2:*
- B. *The member port association has less than a 90% membership of local. Port fishermen:*
- C. *The Board determines that diverse, important or emerging fisheries are under-represented within the member port association area:*

*The Board, may, at its sole discretion, enlist, recruit, and/or solicit nominations from individual non-association fishermen with residential status in the affected area or county and who operate their fishing business within the affected port or region, and cause the formation of a Regional Management Committee consisting of a minimum of five members and a maximum of seven members. At least one member shall be an officer of the corporation and at least two members shall be CFRA Board Members of fishing associations, with "voting member" (status) membership in the corporation that are located in or near the geographic region or county(s) affected by the anticipated FCBA and the anticipated impacts that the FCBA is designed to address. Up to four additional members may be non-port association individuals qualifying under this section and elected to the Regional Management Committee by a three quarter vote of the CFRA Board of Directors.*

#### *Regional Management Committee Term Limits*

4. *CFRA officers serving on Regional Management Committees are limited in term as per Section 4.3 - Selection and Tenure of Office.*
5. *Individuals qualifying under section 4.17 or individuals chosen by port fishing associations in the geographical region or county(s) affected by the FCBA shall each serve three year terms with a maximum term limit of twelve years without interruption. Any Regional Management Committee member may be removed under Section 4.6 "Removal of Directors by the CFRA Board of Directors.*

#### **6. Other Business for Discussion**

- Office space - The budgetary constraints of the OPC reimbursement grant precludes the renting of office space at this time.
- OPC Grant application for Phase II funding - It will be necessary to start preparation for applying for Phase II OPC funding by mid-summer 2023
- Possible Sacramento Trip - Travel funds are earmarked for board travel to Sacramento as required
- Senate Bill 286 - This bill will need coordinated fishing industry input to be effective in protecting fishing communities, industry and the seafood resource about to be impacted by ocean OSW industrialization.
- RODA - CFRA board member Dick Ogg, representing the Bodega Bay Fishermen's Association and Steve Scheiblaue, of the Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries (a consulting member of the CFRA), have been elected to the RODA-Pacific Board of Directors giving the CFRA a very direct connection to RODA's West coast efforts concerning OSW development. Congratulations to you both, and thank you for all of your hard work.

#### **7. Additional Items for Discussion/Action**

- HFMA request to terminate membership in CFRA - The Board reviewed Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association's written correspondence dated March 24, 2023, "Notice of Termination of CFRA Membership". It was noted that HFMA recently joined RODA before terminating their membership with the CFRA. As per the CFRA bylaws the CFRA Board moved to accept the HFMA termination. RB Pincombe made a motion to recognize HFMA's termination of membership. This was seconded by John Barnett. Motion passed with a unanimous yes vote. Written correspondence between HFMA, CFRA legal counsel and the CFRA Board of Directors is available upon request.

- Termination of CFRA membership by HFMA required the resignation of CFRA Board members Ken Bates and Linda Hildebrand from the CFRA Board of Directors. Both Ken and Linda submitted written resignation letters to the Board of Directors which were then accepted by the board.
- Election of Officers - Jake Mitchell was elected President, RB Pincombe was elected to fill both Vice-President and Secretary positions, Curtis Wilson remains as CFRA Treasurer.
- New Members - Santa Cruz Fishermen's Association joined the CFRA on April 3, 2023. Tim Obert was recently elected SCFA President. Tim has been very involved in Salmon issues in California. The CFRA Board is pleased to welcome the participation of the Santa Cruz Association Members. We would also like to offer a warm welcome to Lisa Damrosch and the Half Moon Bay Seafood Marketing Association who joined the CFRA at the beginning of this year. We appreciate your support.

#### **8. CFRA Meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm**

**Thank you,  
Jake Mitchell, President  
On behalf of the California Fishermen's Resiliency Association**

**"I always say: let's not complain, let's do something about it. Here you go."**

**Former governor Arnold Schwarzenegger seen fixing a pothole in his L.A. neighborhood street.  
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