



City and Borough of Wrangell  
Economic Development Board Meeting  
AGENDA

Thursday, June 15, 2023  
5:30 PM

Location: Borough Assembly Chambers

**PUBLIC WORKSHOP**  
**5:30PM-6:30PM**

The Economic Development Board and Director have invited Julie Decker of the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation, Inc. (AFDF) to a joint workshop to learn more about the Alaska Mariculture Initiative. Julie has over 20 years in the Alaska seafood industry and comes with a wealth of knowledge.

An excerpt from the AFDF website states: "Alaska has all the qualities of an ideal environment for mariculture: clean and abundant waters, hardy citizens with maritime experience, the existing seafood industry and infrastructure, and the Alaska seafood brand. The state has research and development capacity at the University and industry level, as well as a sophisticated seafood marketing organization that effectively reaches consumers all over the nation and the world. The regulatory process and agencies are accessible, and the Legislature has been supportive, including funding \$5 million for a new mariculture matching grant program.

Along with these strengths come challenges. Since 2014, AFDF has been a champion of development of this young industry, strategically working with partners to identify key barriers and turning challenges into opportunities. The Alaska Mariculture Initiative (AMI) has encapsulated this work over 8 years, two gubernatorial administrations, and many milestones."

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

**4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Economic Development Board meeting minutes from April 20th, 2023.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**7. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

**8. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Economic Development Director Report for May 2023.
- b. USFS Wrangell Ranger District update provided by Victoria Houser.

**9. ITEM(S) OF BUSINESS**

- a. Review of preliminary results from Six Mile Deep Water Port public survey.

**10. ADJOURN**