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MINUTES

October 28, 2002

USA/Kodiak Steering Committee

United Salmon Association Office, Kodiak

Call to Order: 4:05

Steering Committee Members Present: Virginia Adams, Bruce Schactler, Bill Fiorentino, Thom Wischer **On Phone:** Bob Allen

Steering Committee Candidates Present: Tyler Schmeil, Norm Botz

Other Present: Erin Harrington

Approval of Agenda:

Agenda approved with addition of New Business Item "F", IRS Windfall; Item "G", Report from Bruce on S-K Money; Old Business, Contract Maintenance.

Correspondence In/Out:

None

New Business:

Legal Letters r.e. Trademark:

Adams made motion to contact attorney Brian R. Gibbons regarding trademark application; request estimate for services.

Fiorentino seconded.

Motion passed 5-0

Elections:

Wischer reported election ballots were sent out.

Steering Committee discussed postponement of annual meeting as Adams, Wischer, and Schactler all will be out of Kodiak on November 9. Committee postponed Annual Meeting until November 23, 12 noon, Fishermen's Hall.

Personnel Committee Report:

Personnel committee (Adams, Wischer) recommended that USA offer Administrative Assistant position to Marcia Lynn.

Schactler moved to offer position to Marcia Lynn. Fiorentino seconded.

Motion passed 5-0

Grants Received:

Harrington reported that USA/Kodiak had received grant from Alaska Conservation Foundation for \$8000 for the production and distribution of a Wild Salmon Educational Brochure.

Harrington reported that USA/Kodiak received a grant from the US Department of Agriculture for \$19,000 to work on the development of value-added marketing cooperatives.

Adams moved to accept grants. Schactler seconded.
Motion passed 5-0

Schactler Report

Schactler reported that the \$20M Saltonstall-Kennedy appropriation is likely to remain intact. UFA has proposed a plan that would allow industry to administer grant funds. Schactler has confidence that it will be successful.

Old Business

Contract Maintenance

Wischer reported that Adams will discuss ice price for Igvak fish with Franquelin. Wischer, Kouremetis and Keplinger will follow up.

Negotiating Committee will also pursue late-season ice issues with Western.

Other

Allen asked that possible membership deal with Pacific Fishing be discussed at next USA meeting.

Wischer suggested that a strategizing session would be important following the election of the new Steering Committee members

Adams, Eva Holm, and Lacey Berns will work on Alaska Conservation Foundation grant committee.

Fiorentino will chair Alternative Market Committee

Next Meeting:

Next meeting scheduled for November 19, 4pm.

Adjourn: 5:50