

Fisheries Enhancement Fund
Meeting of the Management Committee
held on 10 November 2022 at 10:00 am

Notes of the Meeting

The thirteenth meeting of the Management Committee (MC) of the Fisheries Enhancement Fund (FEF) was held on 10 November 2022. The meeting was commenced at 10:00 am and ended at 12:05 pm.

Present:

Prof Jonathan WONG	(FEF MC Chairperson)
Mr Jonathan CHAN	(FEF MC member)
Mr Siu Keung CHEUNG	(FEF MC member)
Mr King Hang CHUI	(FEF MC member)
Dr James FANG	(FEF MC member)
Mr Loby HAU	(FEF MC member)
Mr Hon Wah KWOK	(FEF MC member)
Ms Ka Ling PO	(FEF MC member)
Dr Patsy WONG	(FEF MC member)
Mr Sheung Chun YEUNG	(FEF MC member)
Mr Lawrence TSUI	(FEF MC member)
Mr Peter LEE	(Secretary-General [Airport Authority (AA)])
Dr Jasmine NG	(Secretariat [ERM-Hong Kong, Limited (ERM)])

Absent with Apologies:

Hon Steven HO Chun-yin	(FEF MC member)
Dr Wing Kwong YAU	(FEF MC member)

In Attendance:

Ms Amy WONG	(Secretariat [AA])
Ms Naomi YU	(Secretariat [AA])
Ms Tiffany TSANG	(Secretariat [ERM])
Ms Sherrie FUNG	(Secretariat [ERM])

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Agenda Item 1 – Matters arising from Last Meeting

1. The Secretariat welcomed the new Chairperson and all FEF MC Members, including three new Members who are Mr Jonathan CHAN, Mr Loby HAU and Dr James FANG, to the meeting and indicated that the new membership of the FEF MC had commenced since 25 October 2022.
2. The Chairperson asked if Members had any concerned matters arising from the previous FEF MC meeting held on 18 May 2022. No members raised any concerns. The Chairperson concluded that there were no matters arising from the last FEF MC meeting.
3. The Chairperson mentioned that the Secretariat circulated the draft minutes of the last meeting to all Members for review and the minutes were subsequently accepted on 21 October 2022. The Chairperson had signed the finalised meeting minutes and was uploaded to the dedicated website.

Agenda Item 2 – Discussion of existing FEF Funded Projects

a. Overview of FEF Funded Projects (Years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23)

4. The Secretariat briefed Members on the status of funded projects for Years 2020/21 to 2022/23, and reminded Members of the anticipated dates for reviewing the Progress and Completion Reports. The Secretariat also stated that those Reports would be sent to the Members without conflict of interest for review. The accepted Completion Reports (excluding the financial details) would be uploaded to the dedicated website.

b. Completed Funded Projects (Year 2020/21)

5. The Secretariat briefed Members on the status and outcomes of the completed funded projects for Year 2020/21, including FEF2019006A - Continuation of Safety Enhancement Plan for the Navigation of Small Fishing Vessels - Automatic Identification System and FEF2020005 - Sustainable Aquaculture Development Pilot Project - Australian Redclaw Crayfish.

Agenda Item 3 – Assessment of FEF Applications (Year 2022/23 – 2nd Round)

6. The Secretariat briefed Members on two new applications received for the 2nd round of applications for Year 2022/23. Summaries of the new project applications were presented to the Members for reference. The Secretariat reported that the total approved annual budget for FEF applications for Year 2022/23 was HK\$20.64M.
7. The Chairperson stated that the order of discussion would be in ascending order of application reference numbers and the Secretariat had provided the anonymous assessment scores to all Members before the meeting for discussion purpose. Prior to the discussion of each project application, the Secretariat would recap the comments of assessors for Members' reference. Members with potential conflict of interest were invited to leave the meeting room prior to the discussion of the respective applications.
8. After Members' discussion on all the new applications, the Secretariat concluded that there was one application approved with conditions. The Secretariat would contact and follow up with the successful and unsuccessful applicant according to the discussion outcomes of the meeting and Members' comments.

Agenda Item 4 – Funding Theme for Year 2023/24 Application

9. The Chairperson led the discussion with Members on the funding theme for Year 2023/24. The Secretariat introduced the current direction of the fund and the funding theme for Year 2022/23 was "Increasing fishermen participation and promoting the transition of fishing industry". A Member suggested to modify the theme as "Increasing fishermen active participation; Facilitating the upgrade and transition of fishing industry". All Members agreed.

Agenda Item 5 – Anticipated Timeline of Activities for the Next Half-year Period

10. The Secretariat explained to Members about the anticipated timeline of activities for the next half-year period and mentioned that the funding

agreement for the newly approved application would be signed before January 2023 and the project would commence on 1 January 2023. Application for new projects for Year 2023/24 was anticipated to be opened from 1 December 2022. New applications received on or before 31 January 2023 would be considered in the assessment for the 1st round of application which would be conducted from April to May 2023. Progress/ Completion Reports of the currently funded projects would be collected from January to February 2023. The Secretariat also mentioned about the anticipated dates for the next FEF MC and Steering Committee (SC) meetings.

Agenda Item 6 – Tentative Schedule of Next Meeting

11. The Secretariat mentioned that the next FEF MC meeting would be held in April / May 2023. The key objectives of the meeting would be to approve MC Approved Funding from approved Budget of Year 2023/24; to consider each application and recommend to SC; to prepare the FEF MC Recommended Funding Application to SC; and to discuss collated Progress Reports from project leaders.

Agenda Item 7 – Any Other Business

12. The Secretariat briefed Members about the existing late submission arrangement and suggested to update the relevant funding operation documents to enhance the penalty for late submission. After thorough discussion, all Members agreed to revise the relevant funding operation documents.
13. The Chairperson confirmed with Members that there was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.



(Chairperson's Signature)