

(iii) develop mechanisms to enhance coordination among agencies and the University of Maryland to strengthen the aquaculture industry;

(iv) study and recommend innovative methods for aquaculture to target commercial production and restoration of critical species;

(v) review methods undertaken in other states to develop their aquaculture industries;

(vi) consider and include as appropriate in its report the findings of any other task force or work group engaged in a study that impacts the economic development of the aquaculture industry; and

(vii) review and evaluate legislative and regulatory issues and permitting procedures to facilitate sustainable development of the industry.

(e) As the need arises, the Task Force or a workgroup may consult with:

(1) a representative of a federal agency;

(2) a private consultant;

(3) a member of the general public; or

(4) any other individual with expertise in the area of economic development, the seafood industry, the aquaculture industry, or any other related field.

(e) (f) (1) (i) ~~The Governor~~ Except as prohibited under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the Secretary of Agriculture shall designate one of the members of the Task Force as chairperson of the Task Force.

(ii) The Secretary of Agriculture may not serve as the chairperson of the Task Force.

(2) The chairperson of the Task Force shall designate a chairperson for each workgroup.

(g) (1) The executive committee of the Task Force shall consist of the following 9 members of the Task Force:

(i) the chairperson of the Task Force;

(ii) the chairperson of each workgroup; and

(iii) three additional members of each workgroup, designated by the chairperson of the respective members' workgroup.

(2) The chairperson of the Task Force and the executive committee shall:

(i) ensure the progress and coordination of the workgroups' activities; and

(ii) as appropriate, integrate the findings of both workgroups in the final report of the Task Force.