

(d) (h) The Task Force and each workgroup shall determine the time and place of its meetings.

~~(e) A member of the Task Force who misses two or more meetings of the Task Force may not participate in the decision making process, reports, or recommendations of the Task Force.~~

(i) (1) (i) The Task Force shall meet as a whole at least once every 3 months.

(ii) At each meeting of the Task Force, each workgroup shall report on its progress to date.

(2) (i) Except as provided under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, if a member of the Task Force is absent from more than two meetings of:

1. the Task Force, the member may not participate in the decision-making process, report, or recommendations of the Task Force; or

2. the member's workgroup, the member may not participate in the decision-making process, report, or recommendations of the workgroup.

(ii) A member may not be considered absent from a meeting if:

1. the chairperson of the Task Force or workgroup, as applicable, has excused the member's absence in advance of the meeting; or

2. another individual designated by the member represents the member at the meeting.

~~(f) (j) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.~~

~~(g) The Task Force shall:~~

~~(1) study and develop methods of expanding the local and national market for Maryland seafood;~~

~~(2) explore whether existing seafood marketing techniques are being fully employed by the industry and, if not, what is needed to increase the use of these techniques;~~

~~(3) study and develop innovative methods of producing seafood, for example, aquaculture; and~~

~~(4) review the methods other states, including Alabama, Delaware, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, and Virginia, have implemented to further develop their seafood industry.~~

(h) (k) The State Department of Agriculture and the Department of Business and Economic Development shall provide staff for the Task Force and for each workgroup.