

Maine Seafood Alliance  
Directors' Meeting  
July 25, 2006

Meeting called to order by Jim at 10:15

Present: Jim Markos, Dan Rogde, Randy Ramsdell, Julie Keene, Albert Carver, Cecil Wood, Carol Woodcock (Senator Collins office), Gary Edwards DERC&D

Item 1 Minutes of July 18 meeting - On a motion by Albert and second by Cecil the minutes of the July 18 meeting were accepted.

Item 2 MSA recommendation on DMR disaster plan

After some discussion the board on a motion by Albert with a second by Cecil voted to send the following recommendation to the DMR, the Governor and the Congressional delegation.

MSA will maintain its position of strong support for the harvesters who work in the shellfish industry, while constantly pursuing new and better ways of management and monitoring of our industry to ensure that such disasters are minimized in the future.

We, however, fully understand the need for further red tide research. We support the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) in its efforts to obtain new and better testing equipment and will pursue every avenue in assisting the DMR with its funding as needed.

During our discussion, a strong consensus emerged that individual harvesters of wild shellfish who are able to demonstrate a loss of income due to red tide closures should be the only beneficiaries of disaster relief funding.

MSA, therefore, strongly urges our political leaders to ensure that all 2 million dollars of disaster relief goes to where it is needed the most, to the harvesters of wild shellfish.

The directors also decided to make a petition available for harvesters and the public to show support for this recommendation.

**Next meeting: Tuesday August 1, 2006** in Cherryfield (Note: meeting canceled)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon