

Maine Seafood Alliance  
Directors' Meeting  
December 19, 2006  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Dan Rogde, Randy Ramsdell, Albert Carver, Steve Beathem, Cecil Wood, Denis Nault-DMR, Barbara Maurer-DERC&D

**Item 2** - Minutes of November 21 meeting-accepted as written

**Item 3** - Treasurer's Report-accepted as written.

**Item 4** - MSA was awarded RC&D's Area Wide Project of the year on December 14. Dan and Albert came to Cherryfield to accept the award. RC&D was thanked for its assistance. MSA asked to keep the award here in the RC&D Office for now, as there is no other MSA office.

**Item 5** – Scarborough and Rockland meetings.

- There was no report from Scarborough except that it went well. Albert proposed a new category of membership “Contributing Member” because there are several organizations joining with contributions of \$100. Motion carried.
- The next Clam Advisory Council meeting will be on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the Rockland Ferry Terminal. Denis was at the last meeting and there was some worry among the Council that MSA was doing the same thing as they are, but Denis explained that he sees the work as complimentary because the Clam Advisory Council deals with regulatory changes on a municipal level specifically in clamming whereas MSA is more for the overall legislation on major substantive issues statewide. Denis said they are also trying to build their membership. 3 or 4 member of MSA will go to Rockland on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Item 6** – Web site- Deborah Bailey dropped off color versions of the proposed logo and a written update of the website status. Dan would like to see the logo that has more to do with seafood to grab folks' attention. He'll ask Dean McGray to work something up (Dean does graphics and signs and is very good). If everyone doesn't like what Dean comes up with, then maybe we could do a contest to come up with the logo.

**Item 7** – Future testing – MSA will write a letter to DMR to verify that the additional testing that worked well in 2006 is still on track for 2007 and that schedules will be allowed to remain flexible to meet the needs of the industry, as weather and other circumstances dictate. Everyone should send their proposals of wording of this letter to Jim, who will write the letter to DMR. We just want to make sure we do not lose any ground that has been gained. The letter should emphasize the great progress made to date and that it is working so much better than in the past.

**Item 8** - Board of Directors – Albert will talk to Stan Bayley about being on the board. Randy and Dan will speak to Kip, Dan will speak to Glen and Albert will call Stan Bayley.

**Item 9** – Letter needed to the Scarborough Clam Council to apologize that no one from MSA was there and to ask for their schedule. Similar letter also needed for the Clam Advisory Council.

**Item 10** – Denis asked about indexing. Everyone agreed that the bigger the area, the better. Denis wanted to make sure that the area being too big didn't needlessly close down too many folks, if there were an incident. He will bring maps to the next meeting to go over it again.

**Adjourned 12:15. Next meeting January 2.**