

Maine Seafood Alliance
Directors' Meeting
January 23, 2007 10:00 A.M.
Minutes

Present: Jim Markos, Cecil Wood, Dan Rogde, Steve Beatham, Randy Ramsdell, Becky Beal, Randy Ramsdell, Kevin Athearn (UMM), Denis Nault & Bob Goodwin (DMR) and Gary Edwards-DERC&D

Item 1 The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Dan and second by Cecil, all in favor. 2007 membership notices will be going out soon.

Item 2 The Minutes of January 2 meeting were accepted on a motion by Cecil and second by Dan, all in favor.

Item 3 Dan motioned with a second by Cecil that Stan Bayley and April Bayley of Scarborough be appointed as directors, motion carried. Dan mentioned that Glenn McDonald and Dwayne Hunt from the Georges river region were interested in becoming directors.

Item 4 Jim, Dan and Steve attended a work session of the Joint Standing Committee for Marine Resources in the Legislature on Monday. Steve addressed the committee with some history of MSA and a willingness to work with the Legislature and DMR to solve problems in the shellfish industry. They were also able to have lunch with commissioner LaPointe and some of his staff.

Item 5 Dan, Cecil and Becky Beal reported on pending legislation in the legislature, LD 156, that could have a negative effect on the mahogany quahog industry. They are working with Rep. Emery and people affected by the proposal. They may be back to the board for support.

Item 6 Fisherman's Forum- an application for table space and insurance have been mailed. The Forum is 1,2,3. Board members will need to sign up to cover the table.

Item 7 Kevin Athearn shared a letter with the Board that he will be sending to members prior to contacting them individually as he continues his economic study of the effects of the Red tide closures.

Item 8 Shellfish Harvest Area Indexing-Denis Nault & Bob Goodwin-DMR. Bob Goodwin outlined a draft plan to index harvesting areas for better tracking of product. Several points were discussed and future discussions will be held.

Item 8 Other-

Legislation, five of the bills reviewed at the last meeting have been assigned "LD" numbers and referred to the Marine Resources Committee. Gary will continue to track these.

Membership, John McIntosh from Scarborough has requested membership forms and is recruiting harvesters.

Confirm Meeting Dates-February 6 & 20. March 6 & 20

Adjourn: 12:10