

Maine Seafood Alliance
Directors' Meeting
March 20, 2007 10:00 A.M.
Down East RC&D Office-Cherryfield
Minutes

Present: Dan Rogde, Albert Carter, Cecil Wood, Randy Ramsdell, April Bayley, Gary Edwards (DERC&D)

Item 1 Treasurer's Report –accepted, motion by Cecil, second by Albert

Item 2 Minutes of February 20 meeting – accepted, motion by Albert, second by Cecil

Item 3 Annual meeting – The Board picked a tentative date of May 4 to hold the annual meeting in Bangor. Gary is checking on locations and prices and will report at the next meeting.

By-laws change- The Board agreed to have a by law change on the agenda. It will add a membership category: Contributing Member or Affiliate Group-Local shellfish committees, associated organizations, etc, with a fee of \$100

Item 4 Fisherman's Forum report- Dan and Gary reported on the Fishermen's forum. Because of the weather attendance was down on Friday of the event. Dan thought that the MSA got some good exposure by being there and that we learned some things for the future.

Item 5 Updates- Dan passed out correspondence between Jim Markos and David Etnier (DMR) - Because of important deadlines they need to put off a meeting between the board and MSA staff until mid April.

Legislative- Several bills that the board wanted to track have gone before the Marine Resources Committee, Gary will have a summary for the next meeting. LD 1318 is a bill before the Committee that would require an independent audit of the DMR public Safety program. The board agreed to offer support to the bill. (Note: a copy is attached)
Rep. Emery is proposing a bond to encourage jobs in the fishing industry.⁹Note: it appears that this may be included in a larger bond)

Item 6 Membership- A new membership form that reflects the new category was approved with a motion from Cecil and a second by Albert.

Item 7 Other- Dan took a form from Barnstormer to give positive comment on the development of the MSA web site.

There was some discussion about asking the FDA rep assigned to Maine to meet with the Board.

Next meeting April 3 10:00 AM Cherryfield

Adjournment: 11:45 AM