

Maine Seafood Alliance
Directors' Meeting
April 8, 2008 10:15 A.M
Down East RC&D Office-Cherryfield
Minutes

Present: Jim Markos, Dan Rogde, Randy Ramsdell, Albert Carver, Ginny Olsen, Stan Bayley, Cecil Wood, Steve Beatham, Darcie Couture (DMR), Denis Nault (DMR), Ali Roher (DMR), Gary Edwards (DERC&D), Frank Batson (Addison Shellfish Committee & DERC&D).

Item 1 The minutes of the March 11 meeting were accepted as amended, motion by Dan, second by Randy. (The industry council is on hold pending legislation being considered)

Item 2 Treasurer's Report - Current balance \$7,252.52.

Item 3 Fishermen's Forum – It was decided to focus on educational programs and to work to get shellfish programs on Friday and Saturday. MSA will help fund programs aimed at getting ready for the upcoming ISSC meeting (this could include Tom from the review team and Peter from FDA). A marketing program was also discussed with much enthusiasm. Gary and Ginny will serve on a program committee with other volunteers.

Item 4 Red Tide updates with Darcie Couture – Western Maine could have some problems, Eastern Maine should be about normal. They will be doing the buoy project in Casco and Cobscook bays to get data on the red tide again this summer, but without some outside funding the program may not continue. Darcie is looking for someone to do the buoy tending in Cobscook and also someone to do the quahog boat collections for this season.

Item 5 Legislative update – Updates on current bills were distributed. Most of the discussion centered on LD2038 that began as a mechanism for additional testing in private labs but has had a series of amendment attached that could have a serious consequences on the State's shellfish industry. Jim will be monitoring the issue and possibly issuing a press release.

Item 6 – Other

Next meeting: May 14, 2008 (conflict on second Tuesday)

Adjourn: 12:05