

**Maine Seafood Alliance**  
**Director's meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**November 9, 2010 DERC&D Office Cherryfield**

Present: Jim Markos, Steve Beatham, Ginny Olsen, Gary Edwards, Darcie Couture

Item 1 Minutes of October 10 meeting were accepted as presented

Item 2 Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented

Item 3 DMR Updates – With the election of a new Governor there is much uncertainty in Augusta:

Within DMR the Commissioner and 4 other management positions are appointed by the Governor, these include deputy commissioners And the head of Marine Patrol. The Commissioner then appoints Bureau directors.

The Board discussed people who have been mentioned for the position: Jeff Caitlin, Dana Rice, Ginny Olsen, Dale Sproul, Jim Salsbury and George LaPointe, who is actively seeking the position. (note: as of 12-10-10 no one has been appointed to the position).

The Board authorized Jim to send a letter to Governor elect LePage expressing the need of a strong Water Quality program and offering to to provide input to the selection process. This letter has been sent.

Ginny has been asked to participate in some of the transition meetings.

Item 4 Rain Gauges – on hold waiting guidance from DMR

Item 5 Develop a plan for a proposal concerning sub-tidal closures of mussel beds- deferred to the December meeting.

Item 6 Other Business

1-Hinerwadel situation: MSA sent a news release to the main newspaper in Syracuse as well as the TV station that covered the story. The TV station played the response to the Onandaga County Public Health findings. The Public Health commissioner has not changed the original finding. Jim sent a letter directly to the commissioner pointing out that the organism causing the illness is found exclusively in chickens.

2- Jim has been approached about MSA participating in a loose coalition of Natural Resource Sector organizations that meet regularly to discuss political issues. Jim will let them know we are interested. Gary could attend meetings.

3- The Board gave Gary the title of Executive Director.

4- Gary will begin working on an updated fact sheet about MSA.

Adjournment

Next meeting-December 14 Sullivan Town Office.

	Treasurer's Report
Beginning Balance 10/12/10	\$ 9,507.26
Expenses:	0.00
Revenue: Dues	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Balance 11/9/10	\$10,007.26