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Popular *Maine Coastlinks* Directory Goes Online

February 28, 2008 (Augusta) – *Maine Coastlinks*, the popular directory of coastal organizations in Maine, is now available online at <http://www.maine.gov/coastlinks>. People can now easily find organizations involved in coastal projects and issues in Maine using the new web page, which accommodates browsing as well as targeted searching.

First published in 1988 and periodically revised since then, *Coastlinks* has proven to be one of the more widely-used resources provided by the Maine Coastal Program, a partnership of local, regional, and state agencies administered by the State Planning Office. *Coastlinks* includes a broad variety of organizations including research and educational institutions, marine fishery trade organizations, environmental groups, economic development entities, cooperative extension offices, historical resources, and government agencies.

As with past *Coastlinks*, the contents of the 2007 edition are derived from responses to questionnaires sent to organizations in Maine and beyond. The entries have information on each organization's goals, projects/programs and resources, mailing addresses and telephone numbers, and web sites. All have been separated and organized into ten broad categories.

Moving *Coastlinks* online has made it easier to use, says Theresa Torrent-Ellis, who led the effort at the Maine Coastal Program. "You can find what you're looking for faster, and the information can be kept current to a degree that wasn't possible with the printed version," says Torrent-Ellis. "And from an environmental perspective, it's great to save all that paper – not to mention the printing expense."

For those who prefer the traditional format, the old-style print version can still be viewed and printed from the website. To use *Maine Coastlinks* visit <http://www.maine.gov/coastlinks>.

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