

DRAFT Tool for Common Outreach (for consideration at July 22 meeting)
Natural Resources Agency Task Force

The charge of the Natural Resource Agency Task Force is ***to recommend a plan to improve the delivery of services to the citizens of Maine, using existing resources and those created by efficiencies achieved by cooperation, coordination, integration of functions and organizational configurations.***

Successful implementation of such a plan will enable Maine to successfully meet current, emerging, and future resource management challenges and opportunities, for the benefit of Maine people and natural systems. Therefore, we suggest that such a plan and associated recommendations:

- assure healthy, sustainable ecosystems into the future, as well as long-term economic and other benefits to Maine people
- address emerging and future natural resource management challenges and opportunities
- improve service to Maine people and others using our natural resources
- ensure efficient, effective use of human resources and agency capacities

We would very much appreciate your help as we frame our work and consider all ideas. Please respond to the three questions below and add any other comments you would like the task force to consider.

As you experience Maine's natural resources or the services provided by the several agencies charged with protecting and managing those resources (Departments of Agriculture, Conservation, Environmental Protection, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Marine Resources):

What is working well?

What needs improvement?

What future challenges and opportunities should our recommendations anticipate?

Please add any other comments or suggestions that you think would be helpful.

Thank you.