

Natural Resources Agency Task Force Schedule and Overview (draft of May 28)

Meeting 1 May 28 10-3 Maine State Arboretum

- Getting started, groundrules, introductions of task force members and agencies, broad brush what is working, what might be improved, overview of work ahead

Meeting 2 July 7 (10-3 location to be announced)

- Review of themes what is working, what might be improved from last meeting
- Summary of initial ideas from task force members (survey) and discussion of which ideas might be generally acceptable, which would justify more complete discussion
- Group work on a shared vision:
If this task force were hugely successful in framing recommendations that will improve the delivery of services to Maine citizens, what would be happening (with Maine's natural resources, in the lives of citizens who utilize Maine's Natural resources in their lives and livelihoods, in the work lives of the agency staff)?
- Small discussion groups formed to develop preliminary thinking around 3-5 ideas and elements of vision, report and take feedback
- Mapping out a plan for stakeholder outreach

Meeting 3 July 22 (10-3 location to be announced)

- Review summary of any conclusions from prior meeting
- Discussion to clarify methodology and to note areas which would bear further investigation, leading to recommendations to "re-engineer processes" streamline, coordinate, integrate, eliminate duplication of functions)
- Criteria for successful recommendations (it may be important to surface all assumptions about the nature and scope of recommendations before getting to specifics, so that we have some principles as a screening mechanism
- Reports from ad hoc groups from previous meeting
 - What might be possible?
 - What alternatives should be considered?
 - What might be consequences, costs, benefits of each alternatives?

Meeting 4 September 9-10 (overnight location to be announced)

- Summary of any conclusions from prior meeting
- Further discussion of ideas from ad hoc groups
- Report and discussion of review of other states delivery of functions

Meeting 5 October 14 (10-3 location to be announced)

- Review of stakeholder outreach and feedback
- Summarize potential task force recommendations
- Assign final drafting of recommendations

Meeting 6 Nov 12 (10-3 location to be announced)

- Presentation of draft recommendations for Task Force approval
- Agree on points that are acceptable, those that need revision

Meeting 7 (Late November) (10-3 location to be announced)
Ron's available dates (November 18, 19, 21, 24, 25)

- Agree on final draft of report
- Review highlights of task force work
- Press Conference