

Natural Resource Agency Task Force

Draft Agenda ***September 9 & 10, 2008***

Schoodic Research and Education Center, Winter Harbor
(Hosted by Maine Department of Conservation)

Tuesday, September 9

Please arrive by 9:45 for prompt 10 AM start-- refreshments available

10:00 Opening Remarks, Overview of Agenda, Review Groundrules

10:15 Are all the Ideas on the Table? The Task Force will review all the ideas generated to date, including Homework Assignment #2, as well as new ideas generated by the outreach survey and other communication with stakeholders.

10:45 Ideas That Have Generated the Most Interest to Date (part 1)—further background

1. Looking for regional efficiencies in buildings and facilities
2. Integration of science across the agencies
3. Integration of functions in Land Management and Recreation
4. Ideas for efficiencies and collaboration in law enforcement
5. Opportunities for shared services/collaboration in Agriculture, Forestry and Aquaculture, including marketing
6. Integration in laboratory services and in combating invasive plants and animals

12:00 Lunch

1:00 So, given all that we have heard so far, what makes most sense?

Full group convenes; Task Force members assigned to 5-6 working groups to assure diversity of thinking, experience. Each working group to flesh out and prioritize up to 10 ideas from the morning work... discussion of these questions might help with this work :

- What are the most persuasive arguments supporting these ideas?
- What are the biggest challenges in carrying out these ideas?
- What additional information is needed before we decide whether these ideas merit further task force consideration?
- Who else is essential to improving the quality and “implementability” of these ideas?

3:30 Working Groups reconvene and report to full group

4:15 Discussion of Reports from working groups

Discussion for clarification and examination of common themes & differences

5:30 Free time

6:30 **Social “half hour”**

7:00 **Dinner**

8:30 **Featured Speaker**

Wednesday, September 10

7:30 **Breakfast**

8:15 **Ideas That Have Generated the Most Interest to Date (part 2)—further background**

7. Streamlining/consolidation of licensing functions

8:45 **New Round of Preference Voting (sticky dots), Based on Tuesday afternoon working group reports**

9:00 **Small Groups by Natural Resource Sector**

Based on your own views and those of constituents and stakeholders, and the result of the preference voting, what mix of “good ideas” do you now see coming together to form the core recommendations of the task force and what additional information would you need in order to support them?

11:00 **Natural Resource Sector reports to full Task Force**

Discussion of what is common, what is different?

12:00 **Lunch**

1:00 **Next Steps**

What needs to happen so that we can continue to work on these ideas at our October 14 meeting?

2:30 **Adjourn**