ATV Task Force Agenda

Date: September 5, 2019
Location: Sportsmen Alliance of Maine Conference Room, 205 Church Hill Road, Augusta
Time: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Agenda

A. Introductions

B. Meeting protocol and ground rules
   1. Listen for understanding
   2. Come to meetings prepared
   3. Show up on time
   4. Be respectful of other opinions
   5. Be concise and succinct when speaking

C. Task force purpose: The purpose of the task force is to recommend how best to address the social, economic, legal and environmental problems caused by responsible and irresponsible ATV operation.

D. Executive order objectives
   1. Discuss creating an ATV trail system with consideration to ATV size, weight, environmental impact, and other relevant factors.
   2. Discuss construction and maintenance standards for Maine’s ATV trail system.
   3. Create a plan to enforce compliance of trail construction and maintenance standards by the State, including discussion of third-party inspections.
   4. Create a communication/outreach plan for the Maine ATV trail system to include a focus on landowner considerations designed to educate the public on responsible ATV operation.
   5. Discuss ATV registration requirements based on size, width, weight and/or value.
   6. Discuss adequacy of funding for the oversight, construction, and maintenance of the Maine ATV trail network.

E. Task force timeline

F. Meeting frequency and location
   1. Biweekly?
   2. Weekly?
   3. Meet multiple times over short period of time?
   4. Location of meetings (Bangor, Augusta, other?)
   5. Time: all day? Afternoon (3-4 hrs.)?

G. Discussion: What order should we approach the objectives?

H. What information is needed to address each of the objectives?
   1. Discuss information gathering, should it be in subcommittees or having specific days or portions of a day to take information from individual interest groups? i.e. dealer day, large forest landowner day, farmer day etc.
2. Public hearing format inviting mixed groups?
3. Electronic Survey (Survey Monkey)?
4. Online public forum?

I. Information gathering subcategories
   1. Large forest landowners
   2. Farmland owners
   3. Land trusts
   4. Small private landowners
   5. Public landowners
   6. State and municipal roads
   7. ATV dealers (include dirt bikes)
   8. ATV riders (ATV, UTV, dirt bikes)
   9. Others

J. Homework for next meeting
K. Agenda topics for next meeting
L. Adjournment