Economic Recovery Committee  
Manufacturing and Natural Resources-Based Industries Subcommittee  
Friday, June 19, 2020 – 9:15 am

Short-Term Recommendations from Sectors

Forestry
- Reopen normal trade/fiber flow across the Canadian border
- Affirm State support for Pixelle mill in Jay
  - Address supply chain impacts in the meantime
- Encourage building permit processing along the East Coast/within our supply region
- State procurement signals

Agriculture
- Direct financial assistance
- Coordination between farms and food banks to address food insecurity
- Mental health support
- Guestworker housing, transportation, education, etc.
- Investment in processing, packaging, storage, and other infrastructure

Manufacturing
- Innovation of processes and products
- Assistance with potential outbreak response: rapid response team to avoid shutdown?
- Direct stimulus

Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Recapitalization of MTAF
- Virtual DMR hearings for licenses
- Three phase power along the coast
- Investments in wharfs and the Portland fish exchange
- Assistance pivoting to direct to consumer sales

Common Threads
- Worker Safety:
  - PPE supply
  - Testing
  - Education and best practices
- Care for dependents (including reopening K-12 schools and elder care)
- Emphasize and market the Maine Brand
- Paycheck Protection Program extension and funding
- Workforce recruitment
  - Impact of unemployment extension