Economic Recovery Committee  
Manufacturing and Natural Resources-Based Industries Subcommittee  
Tuesday, June 16, 2020 – 9 am  

Initial Sector Short-Term Recommendations  

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  
- 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 the Maine Brand  
- Paycheck Protection Program extension and funding  
- Workforce recruitment  
  - Impact of unemployment extension