

COASTAL
CONNECTIONS
in Southern Maine
an open discussion
among regional stakeholders

- *Friday, June 2, 2006*
- *9 am – 4 pm*
- *University of New England*
- *Campus Center Multipurpose Room*
- *Biddeford, ME*



SITUATION OVERVIEW

- *Continued escalation of property values*
- *Intensifying demand for shoreline uses through tourism and population growth*
- *Shifts in coastal land ownership, bringing about changes to coastal access in Southern Maine*

These changes have important impacts on water-dependent industries, as well as recreational & private property uses.

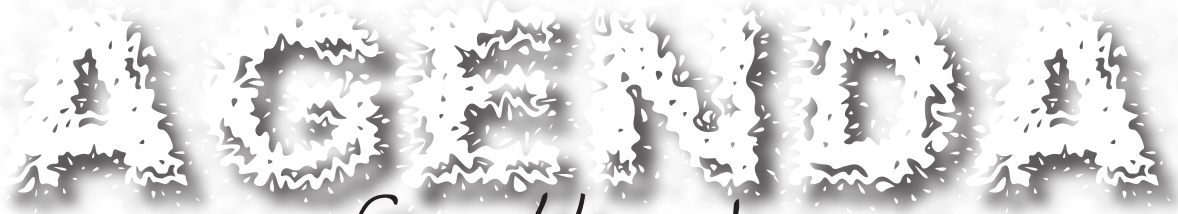
Understanding the importance of balancing these uses is vital to planning for Southern Maine's future!

WORKSHOP PURPOSE

To bring together people with diverse coastal access interests to encourage:

- *Increased understanding of coastal access needs, issues and policies*
- *Sharing of perceived problems*
- *Finding common ground*
- *Sharing resources and tools*
- *Developing cooperative, collaborative, & mutually-beneficial solutions in Southern Maine*





for the day

8:15 - 9:00 *Registration and coastal access map viewing*

Mapping resources provided and staffed by

- *Shey Veditz* - GIS Specialist, Island Institute
 - *John Pinel* - Resident, Goose Rocks Beach
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9:00 - 9:15 *Welcome, Introductions, and Goals for the Day*

- *Ted Hoskins* - Forum Moderator, Maine Sea Coast Mission
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9:15 - 9:45 *Opening Address*

- *Chuck Lawton* - Economist, Market Decisions
Setting the Context: Coastal Access in Maine's 21st Century Economy
Introduction by
 - *Jon Carter* - Town of Kittery
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9:45 - 10:30 *Maine's Coastal Access Law*

- *John Duff* - Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences, University of Massachusetts/Boston
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10:30 - 10:45 *Break*

10:45 - 12:15 *Stakeholder Panel Discussion*
IDENTIFYING COASTAL ACCESS ISSUES & PERSPECTIVES

Coastal Property Owners:

- *Bob Foley* - President, SOS Maine

Fishing Industry:

- *Elliot Thomas* - Lobsterman, Yarmouth

Real Estate Brokers:

- *Linda DiTomaso* - President, York County Council of Realtors

State Agencies:

- *George Powell* - Boating Facilities Program Manager, Maine Department of Conservation

Recreational Users:

- *Pete Slovinsky* - Chair, Northern New England Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation

Recreational Tour Industry:

- *Scott Shea* - President, Maine Association of Sea Kayak Guides and Instructors

Tourism Industry:

- *Peter Daigle* - Chairman, Legislative Committee of the Maine Innkeepers Association
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12:15 - 1:00 *Lunch*

1:00 - 1:55 Solutions Panel
Discussion

**INNOVATIVE APPROACHES
MAINE PEOPLE HAVE USED
TO ADDRESS COASTAL ACCESS
ISSUES**

Acquisition: Ways to obtain coastal access including Right-of-Way Discovery grants, acquisitions, easements, working with land trusts, Land for Maine's Future, Maine Coast Protection Initiative, etc.

- *Joey Donnelly* - York Harbor Board

Facilities: Improving access to existing facilities with external funding.

- *Mark Lorello* - Deputy Director, Public Works Department in Saco, Maine

Bridging Cultures: Conflict resolution initiatives and solutions involving diverse waterfront users focusing on Beach Stakeholders Group process.

- *Andrew Fisk* - Division Director, Bureau of Land and Water Quality, Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Planning: Ways to address beach and harbor management planning, including introductions to supporting organizations and discussion of the current use taxation of commercial waterfront properties.

- *Jim Connors* - Senior Planner, Maine Coastal Program/Maine State Planning Office
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1:55 - 2:00 Charge to the
Breakout Groups

- *Ted Hoskins*
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2:00 - 2:15 Break and
raffle entry

2:15 - 3:15 Solutions
Breakout Groups

The four topic areas introduced in the previous panel will be expanded upon to provide resource people and participants alike with a chance to share additional initiatives in this topic area. Resource people associated with these sessions will facilitate informal discussion.

Acquisition:

- *Joey Donnelly* - York Harbor Board
- *Wolf Tone* - Trust for Public Land
- *George Powell* - Dept of Conservation
- *Mike Severence* - Gooch's Beach
- *Cindy Smith* - Maine Department of Marine Resources

Facilities:

- *Kevin Rousseau* - Maine Department of Transportation
- *Mark Lorello* - City of Saco
- *Steve Train* - Casco Bay Harbor Master

Bridging Cultures:

- *Andrew Fisk* - Maine Department of Environmental Protection
- *John Duff* - University of Massachusetts/ Boston
- *Katy Kelley* - Lafayette's Oceanfront Resort

Planning:

- *Jim Connors* - Maine Coastal Program/Maine State Planning Office
 - *Roger Cole* - Mt A to the Sea Conservation Initiative
 - *Paul Schumacher* - Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission
 - *Jon Carter* - Town of Kittery
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3:15 - 4:00 *Forum Wrap-up*

• *Ted Hoskins*

Take-home lessons.

Where do we go from here?

Raffle drawing.

Evaluation

- Early next week, please look for an evaluation form in your e-mail inbox.
- Hard copies of the form will also be made available at the end of the forum.
- Information provided through these evaluations will help us to plan future activities.

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