Independent Review of the DMR, Public Health Division
LD1318; June, 2007

Legislative Highlights:

1. Maine Sea Grant will work with ISSC to develop and issue an RFP
   a. RFP’s purpose = review of program procedures in the public health division
   b. MSG and ISSC will develop a scope of work in consultation with interested parties

2. A 3-member scoring committee will be established to review the proposals and to select the vendor to conduct the review
   a. Maine Sea Grant (Paul Anderson)
   b. DMR (David Etnier or Linda Mercer)
   c. Shellfish harvesting industry (Valy Steverlynck)

3. Special Fund for Peer Review of the DMR Public Health Division
   a. Public and private funds
   b. Grants distributed at the direction of the scoring committee to conduct the review
   c. Nonlapsing
   d. SPO - $5000; DMR - $5000; Industry ~ $25,000
   e. Report to legislature on status of fund on January 15, 2009

4. Maine Sea Grant will provide a report on the review
   a. In conjunction with the vendor
   b. Findings and recommendations on legislation
   c. To MRC by January 15, 2008
   d. MRC may submit a bill to the 123rd legislature

5. DMR will determine the need and feasibility of a shellfish advisory council
   a. With input from the scoring committee members and others from the shellfish harvesting industry
   b. Purpose of this advisory committee would be to improve communication between the department and the industry and to provide advice to the department and the MRC.
   c. DMR will report on these findings to the MRC by January 15, 2008