

## Billings, Dan

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**Subject:** Meet w/ Commissioner Norm Olsen, Colonel Joe Fessenden, AG William Schneider, Carlie McLean  
**Location:** GO  
**Start:** Tue 5/3/2011 10:15 AM  
**End:** Tue 5/3/2011 10:45 AM  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer  
**Organizer:** Management, Time  
**Required Attendees:** Olsen, Norman; Fessenden, Joe; Schneider, William J; McLean, Carlisle

4/6 - Per Norm Olsen – this is a briefing meeting w/ Governor in preparation for the Governor's May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting w/ ME Lobstermen's Heritage Association, John Doyle and Rod Carr of Nelson & Doyle

Per Mr. Rod Carr: The Association is a group of lobstermen from both Downeast and Mid-coast who have federal, as well as state, licenses. Normally those federal licenses would allow lobstermen to fish Maine's offshore waters out to 200 miles without limitation. However, Maine, several years ago, put in a provision which severely restricts those lobstermen to just fishing a narrow band – actually, an extension of their home lobster zone along the Maine coast – into those 200 mile waters.

According to Commissioner Olsen: The action this group wants is strongly opposed by the vast majority of Maine lobstermen. Senator Langley learned of this when he submitted a bill on their behalf, and then withdrew it. Rep. Kim Olsen had the same experience, but had not gone so far as to present a bill. This is not a problem with federal regulations, but with popularly supported state regulations.

**Contact:**

Donna Hall (Norm Olsen) - #624-6553  
4/7 – confirmed for Norm Olsen

Martha Demeritt (AG) - #626-8800  
4/7 – confirmed for the Attorney General

Colonel Joe Fessenden - #624-6580

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**Subject:** Meet w/ Commissioner Olsen and Carlie McLean re: fishermen's concerns  
**Location:** GO  
**Start:** Wed 5/4/2011 3:30 PM  
**End:** Wed 5/4/2011 4:00 PM  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer  
**Organizer:** Management, Time  
**Required Attendees:** Olsen, Norman; McLean, Carlisle

Per Governor

Governor has requested a meeting to discuss fishermen's concerns. Initial topics are: shrimp fishery, lobster limited entry, scallop limited entry, drag-caught lobsters.

Contact: Donna Hall - #624-6553  
5/2 – confirmed w/ Donna via e-mail

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**Subject:** Meet w/ Maine Lobstermen's Heritage Association rep, Rod Carr & Jon Doyle re: federal licensing issues  
**Location:** Cabinet Room  
**Start:** Mon 5/9/2011 9:00 AM  
**End:** Mon 5/9/2011 9:30 AM  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer  
**Organizer:** Management, Time  
**Required Attendees:** Olsen, Norman; McLean, Carlisle

3/29 – Requested by Rod Carr  
3/31 – Okayed by Governor  
4/5 – Confirmed w/ Rod Carr

Meeting attendees:

Rod Carr, Doyle & Nelson, #622-6124 (office); #794-4381 (cell); [rcarr@doylenelson.com](mailto:rcarr@doylenelson.com)  
Jon Doyle, Doyle & Nelson, #622-6124 (office); #242-7414 (cell); [jdoyle@doylenelson.com](mailto:jdoyle@doylenelson.com)  
Chris Heansssler – ME Lobstermen's Heritage Association rep., #348-2735

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This situation creates some real problems for the lobstermen. They can't fully use their federal license, although other fishermen from Massachusetts and New Hampshire can and do come and fish the entire 200 miles off the coast of Maine. These people are small businessmen and they need to be able to earn a living and they can't do it in the crowded waters within 3 miles.

These lobstermen have talked with the Governor twice – once at Bucks Harbor and there he promised them that he was supportive of their ideas and offered to act by way of Executive Order. He later learned that that couldn't happen. They met again at the Fishermen's Forum and the Governor again assured them that he was supportive of their position. They believe they can accomplish their desires by a legislative resolve and they're anxious to meet with the Governor to fully explore that. Meetings with other officials have not been conclusive.

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**Subject:** Meet w/ Commissioner Olsen re: Maine Lobster Promotion Council  
**Location:** GO  
**Start:** Tue 5/17/2011 12:00 PM  
**End:** Tue 5/17/2011 12:15 PM  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer  
**Organizer:** Management, Time  
**Required Attendees:** Olsen, Norman

5/16 – per Governor through Carlie McLean

5/17 – confirmed w/ Donna Hall - #624-6553

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**Subject:** Tour of the DMR lab with Commissioner Olsen  
**Location:** 194 McKown Point Rd, Boothbay  
**Start:** Fri 5/20/2011 12:45 PM  
**End:** Fri 5/20/2011 1:45 PM  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
**Organizer:** Management, Time

Contact person is Commissioner Olsen at 446-1937

Governor and entourage arrive at DMR Boothbay Harbor Facility, greeted by Lab Director Dr. Linda Mercer and Western Maine Marine Patrol Division Chief Lt. Jon Cornish.

Walk-through and tour of Maine State Aquarium, water quality laboratories, and biotoxin labs for briefings on water quality and paralytic shellfish poisoning issues that dramatically impact Maine's shellfish industry.

Governor proceeds with party to Marine Patrol vessel "Monitor" with Lt. Cornish and Sgt. Rene Cloutier and boat Captain Specialist Michael Forgues for demonstration of Marine Patrol at-sea techniques.

Governor disembarks with party at Atlantic Edge Lobster Company, 71 Atlantic Avenue, Boothbay Harbor, 04538, to rejoin motorcade.

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**Subject:** Meet w/ James Odlin, Commissioner Olsen & Carlie McLean re: State of ME's Groundfish Industry  
**Location:** GO  
**Start:** Thu 6/2/2011 10:00 AM  
**End:** Thu 6/2/2011 10:20 AM  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer  
**Organizer:** Management, Time  
**Required Attendees:** Olsen, Norman; McLean, Carlisle; Butera, John

5/12 – okayed by Governor

Contact:

James Odlin

#831-8855 (cell); #871-8050 (work); [trawlers@maine.rr.com](mailto:trawlers@maine.rr.com)

5/13 – confirmed by e-mail w/ Mr. Odlin

Mr. Odlin would like to meet with the Governor and Commissioner of Marine Resources to discuss the State of Maine's Groundfish Industry. He had a meeting with John Butera during the transition and would like to follow up on that directly with the Governor. Most of Maine's groundfish industry has left the State of Maine to unload in Massachusetts and he explained to John back in December, he feels it is something the Governor could and should try to rectify. By his estimates, this could be worth up to 300 good paying jobs to the State and up to \$20 million dollars in additional revenues.

For many years his company was the biggest customer at the Portland Fish Exchange landing in excess of 6 million pounds of fish to the Exchange annually. In the past couple of years, he has landed almost all of their product in Massachusetts. He is a supporter of the Governor's and would like to offer some suggestions as to how to re-energize the Groundfish Industry going forward.

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**Subject:** Meet w/ Commissioner Olsen, John McGough, Carlie McLean & Jim Wilson of UM School of Marine Sciences re: lobster zones  
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**Start:** Mon 6/20/2011 10:30 AM  
**End:** Mon 6/20/2011 11:00 AM  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer  
**Organizer:** Management, Time  
**Required Attendees:** Olsen, Norman; McGough, John; McLean, Carlisle

Requested by Governor

### Contacts:

Jim Wilson, University of Maine School of Marine Sciences, #991-4368 (cell); #581-4368 (office);  
[jwilson@maine.edu](mailto:jwilson@maine.edu)  
6/8 – confirmed w/ Mr. Wilson

Donna Hall, DMR - #624-6553 (office)  
6/8 – confirmed w/ Donna for Commissioner Olsen

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**Subject:** Meet w/ Commissioner Olsen re: seaweed harvesting and groundfish industry  
**Location:** GO

**Start:** Mon 6/27/2011 8:30 AM  
**End:** Mon 6/27/2011 9:00 AM

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer

**Organizer:** Management, Time  
**Required Attendees:** Olsen, Norman; McLean, Carlisle  
**Optional Attendees:** Hall, Donna

6/15 – requested by Commissioner Olsen

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### Discussion Items:

- DMR effort to educate landowners on the merits of responsible seaweed harvesting and the economic benefits accruing to their neighbors and communities. This effort would include collaboration with the seaweed industry, scientific community, landowners, conservancy organizations, IF&W, Conservation, and other entities.
- DMR effort to energize Portland city officials, business interests and others to rejuvenate the groundfish industry, and to seek federal assistance for that purpose.

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**Discussion Items:**

- shrimp fishery management options, including limited entry.
- the coming DMR agency-wide review.
- developments with the Maine Lobster Promotion Council.

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Norm Olsen:

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Marine Resources Commission  
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concerned fishermen.  
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with talking points, so  
I may answer the  
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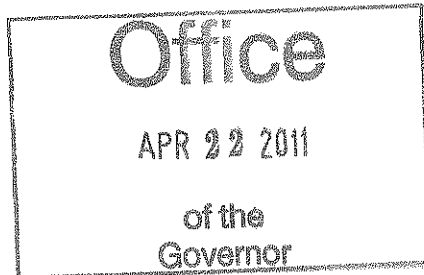
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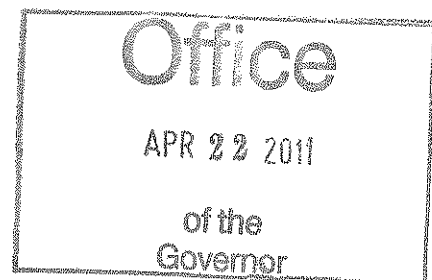
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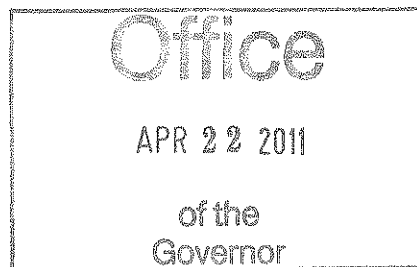
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*Marines S. Burgess Zone A Lic. # 8471*  
*40 years fishing*



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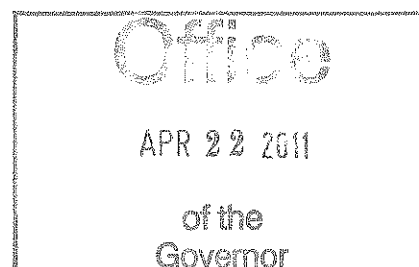
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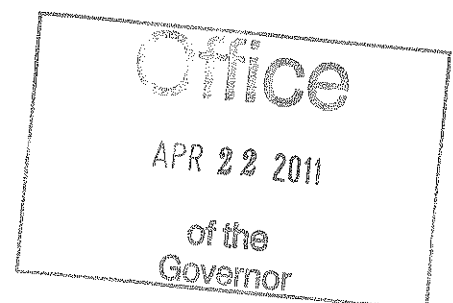
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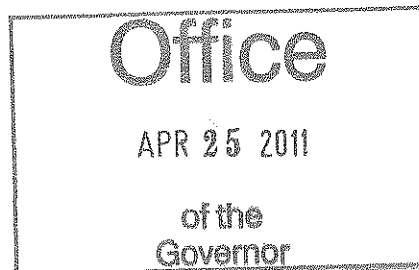
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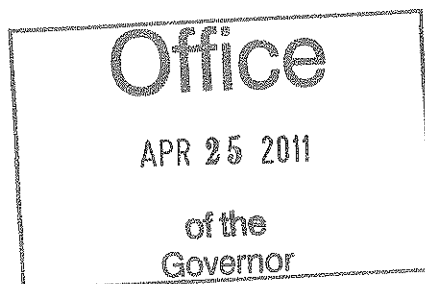
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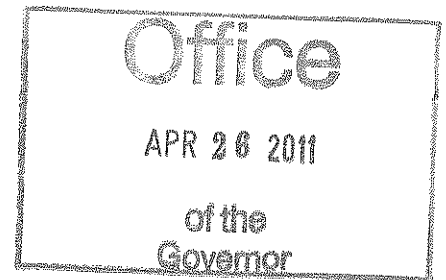
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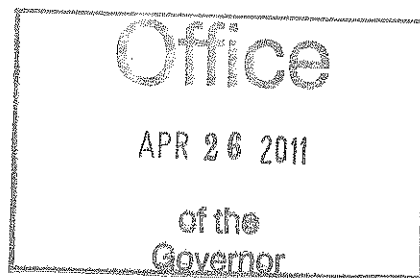
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*Orton C. Peple Lobster license 9102*  
*47 years lobstering. Member & director*  
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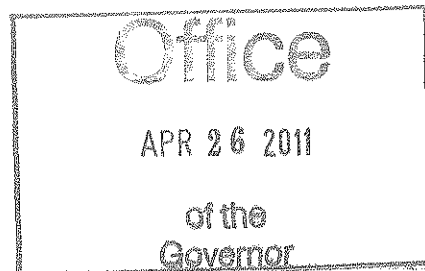
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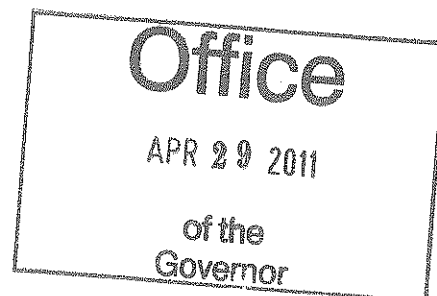

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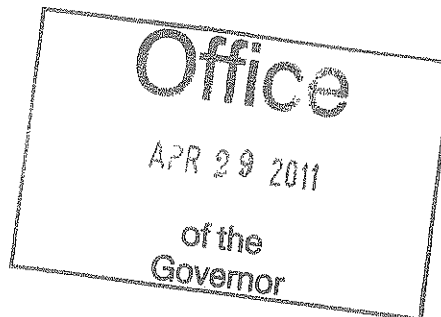
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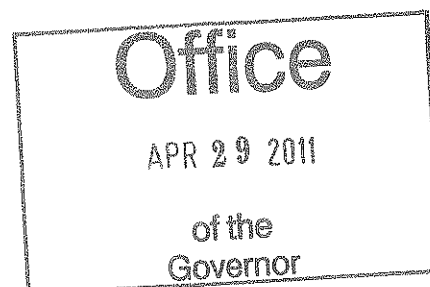
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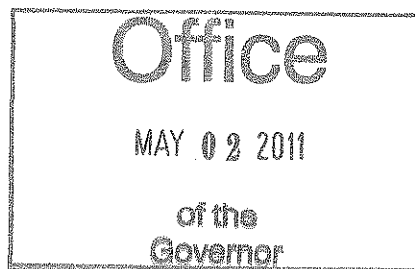
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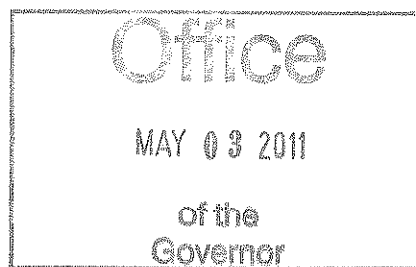
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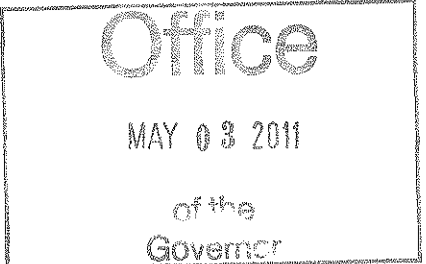
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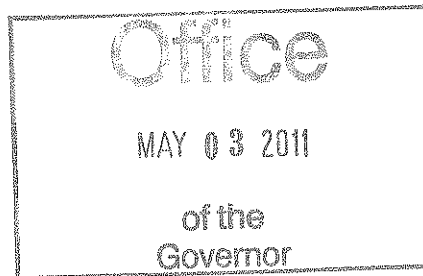
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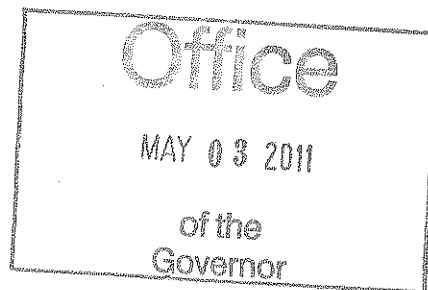
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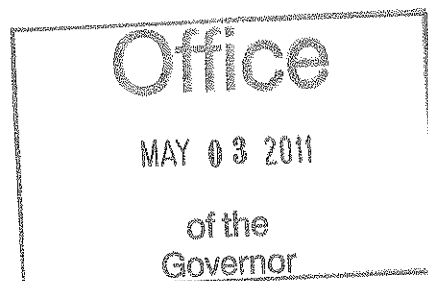
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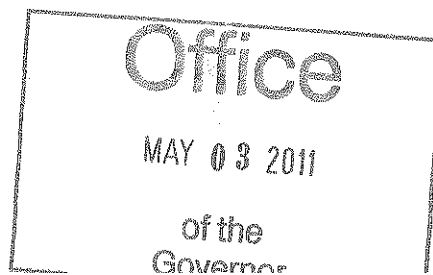
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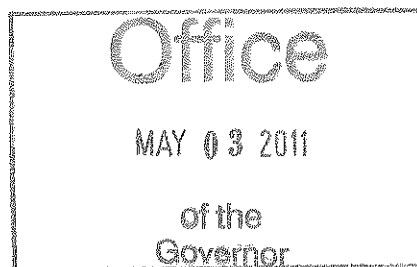
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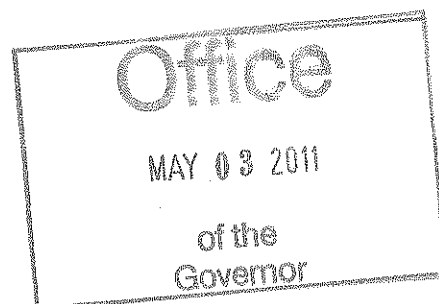
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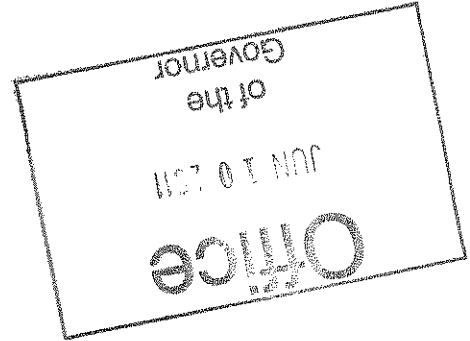
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*Carlie & Nickie  
could you work to  
set up a meeting  
with these folks.  
P.  
Copy Mike  
w/ history  
of letter*

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Maine lobstermen have worked for years to protect and make this fishery what it is today. Some of the concerns that have been brought forward at various meetings with Commissioner Olsen, (including our own meeting) include (1) the landing of dragged lobster by-catch in Maine. (2) Moving the landing of shrimp to Portland (3) transferring lobster licenses to the highest bidder which will jeopardize the future of our Maine industry. (4) Allowing trap tags to be sold or leased if you have extra tags that are not in use. This puts a private price on a public resource. (5) Allowing multiple boats - which involve the leasing of a boat to another fisherman for additional profit. This leads to a corporate Commercial fishery.

We have had a lot of reports that there is a problem with listening to our concerns. As an association, we invited Commissioner Olsen to our D.E.L.A. Board of Director's meeting last Friday, May 13 at Jasper's Restaurant in Ellsworth. We arranged the date to coincide with his schedule for "going home" to Cherryfield for the weekend. After his "meet & greet" in Stonington, he promptly cancelled his attendance for our meeting.

He very well may have had another appointment, but we had arranged this meeting far in advance. Upon contact with him from our Vice President, Nick Lemieux, he changed his decision and attended our meeting.

We had a very informative and candid meeting with Norman. He was willing to stay and answer questions but with a very defensive edge. There appeared to be a lot of inconsistencies in the answers that were given. He was way too quick to answer and a lot of questions were never actually answered at all. We feel that there is a definite direction that he is headed in and we are deeply concerned about this. Our main objective for working with a new commissioner is to be able to work with him in a positive direction that will preserve and maintain the conservation and protection of our resource, which is the Maine Lobster Industry. Without that support, we are headed for a major fall. We can not go through the same disaster that we just went through in 2008. When the economy crashed, we worked very hard to pull together and survive to the best of our ability. We do not want this to happen again at the expense of our lobster fishery.

We respectfully would like to bring our concerns to your talking table and sit down and discuss these concerns with you. Please give us the transparency that we have been promised and open the doors of communication. This is very important to all of us. We look forward to speaking with you in the near future.

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The Board of Directors & Members of the Downeast Lobstermen's Association

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## ABOUT US

DownEast Lobstermen's Association (DELA) represents Maine fishermen and their families to sustain traditional lobstering as it has been upheld for generations. DELA is a qualified exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

DELA was formed by a small group of lobstermen in the Jonesport, Maine Area. Since it's humble beginning, this association has become known state and nationwide. Our membership includes lobstermen from Kittery to Eastport. We also have members in the Atlantic States, such as New Hampshire and Massachusetts. All of these lobstermen share the same interest and concerns about their fishery. We also have Business Associate and Avid Supporter memberships from as far as the West Coast, such as Washington, state.

Our members and directors are seated on the Lobster Zone Councils statewide. We are represented on the Lobster Conservation Management Council (LCMT's) for Area 1 and Area 3, the Large Whale Take Reduction Team and the Gear Advisory Group to the ALTRWP. Our president and vice-president have seats on the Maine Lobster Promotion Council, as well as our executive director having the seat as chair of the Research, Education and Development Board (lobster license plates) and the secretary of the Executive Board for the Maine Fishermen's Forum. We also have active seats on the Board of Directors for the Lobster Institute of the University of Maine, Orono. DELA has maintained an open dialogue with our state's Marine Resources Committee of the Maine Legislature.

DELA would be proud to have you join us as a member. Some people say, "why become a member?" The more the membership, the bigger the voice. When you look at our fishery from where we came to where it is going, we need to stay united. When a package of hot dogs cost more than what a lobsterman gets paid for a pound of lobster off the boat, this is a big problem! With the cost of operating climbing, it's only going to get tougher, especially when you factor in all of the changing regulations as well. Over the past year, DELA has really stepped up to its presence as a leader in our fishery. We have earned the respect from many for being straight forward and holding to our positions. DELA will not double talk. We mean what we say and say what we mean. That's "Downeast Tradition". Some people will say that it is a done deal but we have a different belief: remember what Joshua Chamberlain said to his troops of the 2nd Maine at Gettysburg, "We are the end of the line, if we fail, we will lose this battle, if we lost this battle, we lose the war."

We hope that you would consider joining DELA —  
"Your Voice Will Be Heard!"

Respectfully,

  
Sheila H. Dassatt

Executive Director/Downeast Lobstermen's Association

**McLean, Carlisle**

**From:** Olsen, Norman  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 02, 2011 6:39 PM  
**To:** McLean, Carlisle  
**Subject:** DMR weekley

- NOAA announced June 2 that our first choice for the New England Fishery Council seat, incumbent Mary-Beth Tooley, has been reappointed for a three-year term.
- Commissioner met June 2, at their request, with Reps Dianne Tilton and David Burns to discuss elvers, scallop limited entry, lobster limited entry, seaweed, groundfish, the Maine Lobster Promotion Council, and depuration. X
- DMR staff are preparing for the June 7 meeting of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Northern Shrimp Section that will address both the coming shrimp season and proposals for limiting access to the fishery.
- Commissioner and staff spent a total of two days reviewing 38 proposals for funding by the Land for Maine's future Board, of which the Commissioner is a member.

*Carlisle,*  
Do Norm moving too fast.  
I thought you and I would  
get out into the communities of  
fishermen and discuss their  
wants, needs, concerns and  
suggestions.

Governor -

I do not know whether or not he is moving too quickly. I do think he could do a better job including you/your office in the initiatives. We tend to get these small reports but are not included in the preparation or discussions. These would be great opportunities for learning. Perhaps you should check in with him directly and ask for him to slow and for him to keep you better informed.