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TO: Board Members  
FROM: Lebelle Hicks  
RE: Comments on the Drift Issue

July 19, 2007

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Attached are the minutes from the July 9<sup>th</sup> 2007 Drift Stakeholder meeting and comments recently received by e-mail on the drift issue.

The minutes are included, in part to familiarize the Board with the reasoning behind the data analysis in the attached package and to assure that the Board receive the individual and group comments in those minutes.

The e-mail comments speak for themselves.



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TO: BPC Drift Issues Stakeholder Group Members  
FROM: Lebelle Hicks  
RE: Minutes from the July 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting

July 12, 2007

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Board of Pesticides Drift Stakeholder Committee met on July 9th from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at the Penobscot County Extension Office, Maine avenue Bangor. In attendance were committee members:

John Jemison	BPC Board Member and committee chair
Peter Aldridge	Farmer
Mark Jacoby	Farmer
Heather Spalding	MOFGA
John Harker	Dept of Agriculture
Dave Struble	Maine Forest Service
Paul Sweetland	Blueberry grower
Tim Hobbs	Maine Potato Board
Harris Parnell	Toxic Action Center
Andy Berry	Maine Helicopters
Jim Dill	Cooperative Extension

Committee members absent were:

Matt Carmichael	MS Lavoie Fixed wing applicator
Norm Dube	Atlantic Salmon Commission
Leif Deyrup	ME Center for Disease Control
Mike Dann	Maine Forest Products Council
Matt Davis	Environment Maine

Staff present were Henry Jennings Director and Lebelle Hicks, Toxicologist and Chair of the Drift Technical Committee. Jody Spear attended as a guest. Louise Franck Cyr, Cooperative Extension facilitated the meeting. The meeting started at 9:30 AM.

John Jemison, welcomed folks and expressed gratitude for people attending and introductions were made.

Louise Franck Cyr, led an activity regarding your best part of your weekend.

The minutes of the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and accepted (unanimous).

Preliminary results of voting on recommendations were presented. Hicks distributed the most recent tally by question number (white sheets, original ballot format) and by number of votes (yellow sheets, all recommendations and sub-recommendations ranked based on the total number of votes). Concern was expressed in the presentation of the results by number of votes, in that the major recommendations were not treated as “over-arching” recommendations and that the sub-recommendations were given equal weight. To address this issue, it was agreed that the sub-recommendations would not be presented without the major recommendation and that the report to the Board would be ranked by major recommendations with the sub-recommendations ranked below their major recommendation .

Several individuals had not completed the ballots (one needed to complete a full ballot and four others needed to vote for the major recommendations). Time was allotted for those attending the meeting to do so and those who were not at the meeting were contacted by phone and e-mail and allowed to vote. As of 7/11/07, we have ballots completed by all committee members. Statistical analysis of the data; sums, means and standard deviations as well as a distribution analysis (how many 2, 1, 0, -1 or -2s were received) of the votes were also requested

The last component of the Board package, discussed by the committee is a summary of the process to be written by John Jemison as Chair of the committee and Board member.

The Committee will receive the Agenda for the Board meeting for July 27<sup>th</sup> and a copy of the completed supporting documents for the Drift discussion.

### **Comments from Individuals**

The committee was asked if any one had comments to be forwarded to the Board.

Mark Jacoby said that “his family is no better protected now, than they were before the process began and that current “drift management in Maine doesn’t cut it”

Harris Parnell said that “she had hoped for better solutions to the drift issues”

## **Comments from the Group**

Discussion occurred regarding drift management BMPs and the question are the current BMPs inadequate or is the problem no incentive to follow them?

Following comments, including multiple thanks from each attendee on the process and the meeting adjourned at 11:30