

MaineDOT Interagency Meeting Notes

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Attending Agencies:

Federal Highway
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Army Corps of Engineers
Maine Department of Inland Fish and Wildlife
National Marine Fisheries Service

Agencies Absent:

Land Use Regulation Commission
Atlantic Salmon Commission
Environmental Protection Agency
Maine Department of Marine Resources
Maine Historic Preservation Commission

1. Biddeford Airport Master Plan, Presented by Jennifer O'Bryan, MaineDOT (Handout)

- Purpose of this project is to update Master Plan at the airport, and get the airport back into compliance.
- There have been no updates to the Airport in the past 15 years, which have contributed to obstruction and safety issues
- Short-Term projects (See handout for list of 11 short term projects)
 - Install security fence to control safety issues
 - To limit tree cutting, lights would be placed to show obstructions
 - Some clearing of obstructions i.e. trees would be done, 14 land easements and 1 land acquisition will be needed
 - Approximately 80,000 ft of new apron/parking area
- Wetlands affected would be approx. 4 acres total, (3 acres of clearing, and 1 acre of fill)
- There are no streams within 1000' of the Airport
- Questions were brought up if this Airport had a Site Location Permit, MDEP was not sure but would do some research to check.

2. Skowhegan Transportation Study, Presented by Ed Hanscom, MaineDOT (Handout)

- E3E options 1 & 2 have received a lot of public input, therefore option E3E option 3 was added to cut down on some of the takes that would occur
- E3E option 3 has more natural resource impacts (for impacts see handouts)
- Residential impacts are a large focus for the public
- Some of the issues discussed were:
 - 4f property at high school with the taking of the practice soccer field
 - agencies agree that it is hard to conceptualize actual impacts because impacts shown are not based on actual field work. Also the fact that the corridor width/Right of way width is 200'
 - Fragmentation issues need to be looked into

- Signoffs have been obtained for
 - purpose and need statement
 - highway methodology phase I
- Working toward a phase II, with hopes to have an EA for late spring
- A site visit was suggested for sometime this spring for agencies to see options and resources first hand