

March 8, 2004

MaineDOT Interagency Meeting Notes

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Attending Agencies:

Federal Highway
Land Use Regulation Commission
Army Corps of Engineers
Maine Department of Inland Fish and Wildlife
Maine Historic Preservation Commission
Atlantic Salmon Commission
Federal Transit Authority

Agencies Absent:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Environmental Protection Agency
Maine Department of Marine Resources
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
National Marine Fisheries Service

Pre assigned Tasks:

GIS Update, Presented by Mark Lickus MaineDOT

-Handouts were provided that addressed contacts for GIS at different agencies and data layers available through MEGIS

Presentations

Bangor-Trenton Transportation Alternatives Study, Presented by David Nelson MaineDOT,

(Please see the slides under the handouts for this meeting)

- Questions arising as to what to do with the Calais Branch Rail line
- How to move people from Bangor to Mount Desert
- Only current mode is by car
- Study addresses transportation alternatives
- 3 modal alternatives (Preliminary selection criteria slide 29 of powerpoint)
 - Bus
 - BRT(Bus Rapid Transit)
 - Light Rail
- Seasonal operation from May to October and to work in conjunction with the Island Explorer
- Project also coincides with a intermodal/Acadia Visitors center which would be located in Trenton
- Currently there are 5 sites for an intermodal facility/Acadia visitor's Center (Slide 32 & 33 Powerpoint)
- Current Goals are concurrence with criteria used to select alternatives and criteria used to select Intermodal site/Visitor center. Agencies will review and comment/concur between now and the next interagency meeting.

-The schedule is to have the study finalized by the end of this summer. From that point an EA may be needed for the corridor and further NEPA documentation/process for the intermodal facility.