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MaineDOT Interagency Meeting Notes

Website: <http://www.mdot/mdot/interagency-meetings/interagency-meetings.php>

Attending Agencies:

Army Corps of Engineers
Maine Department of Inland Fish and Wildlife
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Maine Natural Areas
U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Environmental Protection Agency
National Marine Fisheries Service
Maine Historic Preservation Commission
Atlantic salmon Commission

Agencies Absent:

Federal Transit Authority
Land Use Regulation Commission
Maine Department of Marine Resources
Federal Highway

Pre assigned Tasks:

Presentations

Gateway 1 Introduction, Kathy Fuller

- Whole corridor approach
- Principle is to integrate Transportation and Landuse and how town's land use plans affect transportation.
- Phase 1 – Agreement on the problem
- 21 communities, 20 have agreed to talk with MaineDOT, Prospect is holding off till the next phase
- 15 of the 20 communities have signed an MOU
- Website is gateway1.org

Lewiston-Auburn MTA – Downtown Connector Feasibility Study, Duane Scott (handout)

- Various strategies and corridors are being looked at, see handouts.
- Strategies 3 & 4 will not go forward for consideration
- Feasibility study is designed to provide a good foundation to any further NEPA studies
- draft final report is being worked on now
- The MPO will be turning the study over to the MTA and MaineDOT by the end of December

Non-Federal DOT projects in Salmon Watersheds, Richard Bostwick

- MaineDOT is delegated Section 7 consultation by FHWA

-MaineDOT is not delegated authority when no Federal Money is involved but when an ACOE permit is needed.

-specific effects on listed species, BMP's, impacts on species, describing the work that will take place all needs to be spelled out.

-May have to go above standard practices

Gray Bypass Compensation, Mark Lickus

-ACOE agreed connector road was less environmentally damaging, then interchange projects.

-MTA turned it over to MaineDOT

-Compensation required by MDEP, ACOE will defer to MDEP

-Area map was searched, sites 1,2,5,10 were kept for further analysis others were dropped