

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS
December 30, 2010

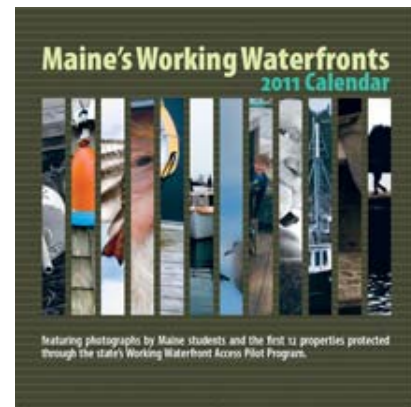
State law assigns four core duties to the State Planning Office that include: 1) conducting continuing economic analysis, including economic forecasting, 2) coordinating the development of the State's economy and energy resources with the conservation of its natural resources; 3) providing technical assistance to towns and regions; and 4) providing technical assistance to the Governor and Legislature by undertaking special studies and plans and preparing policy alternatives.

MAINE COASTAL PROGRAM

Maine's Working Waterfront 2011 Calendar released.

The Maine Sea Grant College Program at the University of Maine has released its Maine's Working Waterfront Calendar. Support for the Maine Sea Grant College Program is provided by numerous organizations including SPO's Land for Maine's Future Program and the Maine Coastal Program. The calendar features photographs by Maine students and the first 12 properties protected through the state's Working Waterfront Access Pilot Program. Those interested in receiving a calendar can contact [Catherine V. Schmitt](mailto:Catherine.V.Schmitt@maine.gov) at the Maine Sea Grant.

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MAINE COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service Project Grants Awarded. The Maine Commission for Community Service challenged communities across Maine to develop volunteer service projects that unite community sectors in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Our challenge was met with an overwhelming response of 26 grant applications. With federal funding, from the Corporation for National and Community Service, we awarded 16

organizations \$500 grants to implement the Service Projects. Service projects are located in *Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec, Penobscot, Lincoln Sagadahoc, Washington, Waldo, and York Counties*. This special day of service is an important way for Maine’s people to experience the significance of service, volunteerism and collaboration amongst their neighbors. These service projects will not only impact their communities, but celebrate the legacy of Dr. King and his commitment to service, non–violence, and diversity. For further details see the [press release](#). **CONTACT: Rochelle Runge at 624–6241 or rochelle.runge@maine.gov**

GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY

Winter cold snap brings higher heating oil prices. The Governor’s Office of Energy Independence and Security (OEIS) conducted its weekly oil survey on Monday, December 20, 2010 and found that the statewide average cash price for No. 2 heating oil was at **\$2.98 per gallon**, a two cent increase from the prior week.

As of December 20, 2010

Heating Oil	Statewide	Southwest	Central	Eastern	Western	Northern
Average	2.98	2.90	3.03	3.06	2.89	3.10
High	3.16	3.05	3.10	3.10	3.00	3.16
Low	2.80	2.80	2.90	2.93	2.82	3.03
Kerosene	3.33	3.21	3.42	3.45	3.22	3.41
Propane	2.74					

It is important to note that the price for heating oil is a statewide average and that prices in a given geographic region of the state may be considerably higher or lower than the statewide average. Within the OEIS sample, the lowest actual heating oil price of \$2.80 per gallon was found in the Southwest region. The highest price of \$3.16 per gallon was found in the Northern region. The statewide kerosene price average was \$3.33 per gallon at the time of this survey. The statewide average for propane based on a use of 925 gallons a year was \$2.74 per gallon. At the time of this survey the price of WTI crude oil, a major driver of refined product prices, including heating oil was \$88.48. **CONTACT: Jeffrey Marks at 287–8927 or Jeffrey.marks@maine.gov**