



PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COASTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS the Maine Coastal area, including the offshore environment, contains natural resources and cultural assets of great economic, social, and environmental value to the people of Maine; and

WHEREAS the Maine Coastal Program has existed since 1978, and has addressed a wide variety of local, regional, and State coastal management issues; and

WHEREAS the objectives of the Maine Coastal Program include the resolution of coastal issues of broad concern and the balancing of resource development and conservation; and

WHEREAS there are opportunities to improve coastal resource management decisions through effective coordination of the activities of State, federal and regional agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish, as a standing Committee of the Maine Land and Water Resources Council, a Coastal Advisory Committee.

Membership

The Committee shall include the:

| | Director | of | the | State | Planning | Office, | Chairperson |
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- Commissioner of the Department of Conservation
- Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection
- Commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife
- Commissioner of the Department of Marine Resources
- Commissioner of the Department of Transportation
- A Representative of the Regional Planning Commissions
- A Representative of the University of Maine

Purpose

The primary responsibilities of the Committee shall be to advise the Governor, the Legislature, and State agencies, through the Council, on sound coastal management actions, and to coordinate State activities accordingly. The Committee shall seek to involve affected and interested parties in the development and evaluation of programs and policies, as appropriate.

Specifically, the Committee shall:

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periodically evaluate the Maine Coastal Program and recommend needed 1. improvements, and report its findings to the Council; .

2. determine annual work priorities, tasks, and budget allocations for State-level activities within the Maine Coastal Program;

assure effective coordination of coastal management activities among State 3. agencies;

facilitate coordination of State coastal management activities with those 4. of federal agencies, local governments, private citizens, and public interest groups; and

review activities pertaining to the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, and 5. recommend appropriate State actions to the Governor.

Procedures

The Committee shall meet at least quarterly. It shall prepare an annual work program, establishing priorities among its efforts. It shall also prepare and submit to the Governor, as a part of the Land & Water Resources Council's Annual Report, a report describing its activities during the previous calendar year.

The Maine Coastal Program Manager shall serve as the Committee's principal staff, and additional staff support may be provided by member agencies and other affected organizations, as appropriate.

Joseph E. Brennan

GOVERNOR