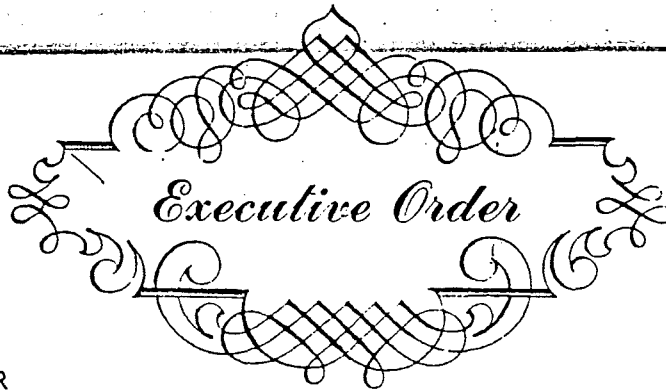


MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



STATE LAW LIBRARY
AUGUSTA, MAINE

OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 11 FY 88/89

DATE April 25, 1989

AN ORDER TO ESTABLISH AN INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON
MARINE INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, the Commercial Fishing Industry and related Marine Industries are essential components of Maine's economy and are intrinsically linked to the culture, tradition and character of the Maine coast; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Legislature articulated the State's Coastal Management Policies in 1986 which directed State agencies to, among other objectives, implement procedures to actively support infrastructure and services required for water-dependent uses; and

WHEREAS, the legislatively mandated report on State-owned submerged lands recommended more detailed analysis of marine industry infrastructure to develop evaluation criteria and methodology for incorporating consideration of significant infrastructure needs into State leasing and permitting processes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish the Interagency Task Force on Marine Infrastructure.

Purpose

The purpose of this Task Force shall be to coordinate a comprehensive study of the marine industry infrastructure of the State of Maine. The Task Force shall also propose guidelines for future coastal development that will not unreasonably diminish the availability of services and facilities necessary for commercial marine activities. The Task Force shall dissolve upon completion of the report.

"Marine industry infrastructure" refers to those accessory uses that are necessary for successful operation of a commercial fishing industry, such as a mooring space, places to lay out and store gear, boatyards offering repairs and supplies, fuel and ice stations, unloading facilities, room to maneuver in channels and harbors, uncongested fishing grounds, and other resources that may offer future benefits to the marine industry.

Functions and Duties

The Task Force shall include in its consideration, but shall not be limited to, the following topics:

- A. characterization of infrastructure to more clearly define where it exists, and the nature of its relationship to the commercial marine industries;
- B. the possible impacts upon infrastructure from growth, development, the marine-based economy, changes in ownership, and changing use patterns on the upland, intertidal, and submerged lands along the coast; and
- C. the most desirable and practical methods to protect that portion of the infrastructure that is essential to the survival of commercial marine industries and to integrate concerns about infrastructure into State leasing and permitting policies.

At the direction of a majority of the Task Force members, the State Planning Office will coordinate the study and prepare a report on or before February 1, 1990. The report shall include, but not be limited to:

- A. the results of the study on the aforementioned study topics;
- B. a proposal for the necessary clarifications, additions, definitions, and changes in current State policies, rules, and regulations to protect infrastructure that is of critical importance to commercial marine industries and which shall include the necessary procedures, personnel, and review process to be used in deciding whether to approve or deny applications for development projects that may affect infrastructure;
- C. recommendations for appropriate informational materials to explain the results of this study to the general public, municipalities, and permit and lease applicants; and
- D. proposals for any necessary legislative recommendations.

Membership

The Task Force shall consist of the following members or their designees: the Commissioner of the Department of Marine Resources; the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation; the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection; the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development; the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation; and the Director of the State Planning Office.

Officers

The Director of the State Planning Office will serve as Chair of the Task Force.

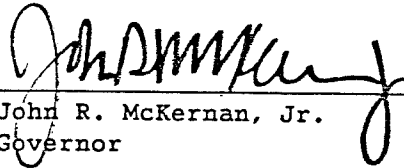
Meetings

The Task Force will meet at the call of the Chair.

Administration

As designated above, the State Planning Office will be responsible for coordinating and preparing a report of the Task Force. Other administrative functions will be borne by the member agencies as needed.

The effective date of this Order is April 25, 1989.



John R. McKernan, Jr.
Governor