

Independent Review of the DMR , Public Health Division
LD1318; June, 2007

Legislative Highlights:

1. Maine Sea Grant will work with ISSC to develop and issue an RFP
 - a. RFP's purpose = review of program procedures in the public health division
 - b. MSG and ISSC will develop a scope of work in consultation with interested parties
2. A 3-member scoring committee will be established to review the proposals and to select the vendor to conduct the review
 - a. Maine Sea Grant (Paul Anderson)
 - b. DMR (David Etnier or Linda Mercer)
 - c. Shellfish harvesting industry (Valy Steverlynck)
3. Special Fund for Peer Review of the DMR Public Health Division
 - a. Public and private funds
 - b. Grants distributed at the direction of the scoring committee to conduct the review
 - c. Nonlapsing
 - d. SPO - \$5000; DMR - \$5000; Industry ~ \$25,000
 - e. Report to legislature on status of fund on January 15, 2009
4. Maine Sea Grant will provide a report on the review
 - a. In conjunction with the vendor
 - b. Findings and recommendations on legislation
 - c. To MRC by January 15, 2008
 - d. MRC may submit a bill to the 123rd legislature
5. DMR will determine the need and feasibility of a shellfish advisory council
 - a. With input from the scoring committee members and others from the shellfish harvesting industry
 - b. Purpose of this advisory committee would be to improve communication between the department and the industry and to provide advice to the department and the MRC.
 - c. DMR will report on these findings to the MRC by January 15, 2008