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## Workshops to be held concerning working waterfronts

In November 2005, voters in Maine approved tax breaks for owners of water-front property where the land is used for commercial fishing activities and other "working waterfront" uses. To help those who may be eligible for Waterfront Current Use Tax Program learn more, five workshops are being offered along the coast this winter. Representatives of the Maine State Planning Office and the Working Waterfront Coalition will describe the new program and how it might apply to those interested in preserving working waterfronts.

These workshops are open to property owners, tax assessors, harbormasters, town managers and others. Light refreshments will be available, and there will be plenty of time for questions.

In this area, a meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20, at 6 p.m. in the community room of Machias Savings Bank in Machias.

The meetings are sponsored by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, in partnership with Maine Sea Grant, Island Institute, Maine Revenue Services, Maine State Planning Office, Coastal Enterprises Inc. and the Working Waterfront Coalition.

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