

Keeping Clam Flats Open: A Valuable Resource for Municipalities

January 4, 2012 in Freeport (Town Hall), 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Friday January 6, 2012 in Ellsworth (City Hall), 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
*Optional networking lunch with presenters 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

This workshop will demonstrate the important social and economic benefits that clam flats provide to coastal communities and illustrate the connection between land use practices and Shellfish Growing Area closures. We will also explore solutions to improve water quality in Shellfish Growing Areas using collaborative state and local resources. This is a workshop for planners and code enforcement officers to better understand how they can coordinate efforts to maintain and re-open clam flats.

Agenda (Draft)

From Land to Sea

- 8:30– 8:45 a.m. **Introductions & Workshop Overview**
Julia Noordyk, State Planning Office/Maine Coastal Program
- 8:45 – 9:00 a.m. **Why Clamming is Valuable to Municipalities**
Chris Heinig, MER Assessment Corporation; Dr. Brian Beal, University of Maine at Machias
- 9:00 - 9:15 a.m. **The Clammer’s Perspective**
Chad Coffin, President, Maine Clammers Association; Joe Proada, Chair, Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish Committee
- 9:15 – 9:30 a.m. **Impacts of Land Use on Clam Flats**
LaMarr Clannon, Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials
- 9:30 – 9:45 a.m. **Comments & Questions**
- 9:45 – 10:00 a.m. **Break**

Resources & Tools to Help Municipalities

- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. **Connecting the Dots - Who Can Help?**
Julia Noordyk, State Planning Office/Maine Coastal Program

10:15 – 10:45 a.m. **Panel I - Breaking Down the Sanitary Survey**

Alison Sirois, Hannah Annis and Denis-Marc Nault, Department of Marine Resources; Becky Kolak and Ruth Indrick, Kennebec Estuary Land Trust; Mark Hyland, Department of Health and Human Services

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. **Panel II – Working with Farmers: Agriculture and Run-off Solutions**

Matthew Randall, David Rocque, and Mark Hedrich, Department of Agriculture

11:15 – 11:45 a.m. **Panel III - Funding & Collaboration Opportunities**

MacGregor Stocco, State Planning Office/Maine Coastal Program; Jan Santerre, Ken Canfield and Steve MacDonald, Maine Forest Service; Tim MacMillan, Department of Environmental Protection; Megan Facciolo, Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation District; Betty McInnes, Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District; Wayne Munroe, United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service

11:45 – 12:00 p.m. **Wrap-up**

Julia Noordyk, State Planning Office/Maine Coastal Program

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Optional Networking Lunch**

***An optional lunch will be provided for \$10. Payment will be collected on the day of the workshop, but please RSVP if you know you would like to attend the lunch.**

Workshop and lunch RSVP to Julia Noordyk at julia.noordyk@maine.gov