#### FOAA response from John Noll, director of Maine Submerged Lands, via Shannon Ayotte

from: Ayotte, Shannon <Shannon.Ayotte@maine.gov>
to: "coastwatch@gmail.com" <coastwatch@gmail.com>
date: Mon, Dec 4, 2017 at 3:32 PM
subject:Final Response Re: FOAA Maine AquaVentus April 1 to Nov 30 2017

Sent on behalf of Mari Wells-Eagar, Esq.,

Mr. Huber,

Attached please find all files relating to your request. As the first hour of staff spent on FOAA research is free, there is no charge for this request.

Sincerely,

Shannon Ayotte Office of the Commissioner Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry State House Station #22 Augusta, ME 04333-0022 (207) 287-5976 shannon.ayotte@maine.gov

From: Noll, John Sent: Monday, December 04, 2017 10:10 AM To: Ayotte, Shannon <<u>Shannon.Ayotte@maine.gov</u>>

Subject: FW: FOAA Re: Maine AquaVentus April 1 to Nov 30 2017

FYI

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From: Ron Huber [mailto:coastwatch@gmail.com] Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 9:44 PM To: Noll, John <<u>John.Noll@maine.gov</u>> Subject: FOAA request re Maine AquaVentus

John Noll, Submerged Lands Director Bureau of Parks and Lands 22 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Mr Noll,

Attached as a pdf is a request under the Maine Freedom of Access Act for public records in your custody related to the Maine AquaVentus project off Monhegan Island, dating from April 1, 2017 to November 30, 2017.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Best wishes

Ron Huber. executive director, Friends of Penobscot Bay

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# From: Andy Qua [mailto:<u>Andy.Qua@KleinschmidtGroup.com]</u>

### Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 11:05 AM

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Bensinger, Peggy < Peggy.Bensinger@maine.gov>

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<<u>Peter.Browne@hdrinc.com</u>>; jeffrey\_thaler@maine.edu; njohnson@orpc.co; jsward@maine.edu;da mian.brady@maine.edu; anthony.viselli@maine.edu; Kayla Easler <Kayla.Easler@KleinschmidtGroup.com> Subject: Maine Aqua Ventus Meeting (May 4, 2017)

Good morning -

Attached for your information is a meeting summery, with sign-in sheets, and a copy of the two slideshows that were presented at the May 4<sup>th</sup>meeting in Augusta.

For those of you in attendance, please provide any comments or corrections you may have. If I have mischaracterized any comments, questions or incorrectly identified those who made them, please let me know and I will make those corrections.

Thank you very much, Andy

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From: Noll, John Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 9:10 AM To: Anne Bowden <<u>anne.bowden@maine.edu</u>> Subject: wind http://bangordailynews.com/2017/05/10/energy/bill-to-move-umaine-offshore-wind-projectdies-in-committee/?ref=regionstate

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From: Marvinney, Robert G. Sent: Monday, May 01, 2017 3:58 PM To: Noll, John <<u>John.Noll@maine.gov</u>> Subject: FW: LD 1262

From: Libby, Lance Sent: Monday, May 01, 2017 1:29 PM To: Desjardin, Tom Cc: Loyzim, Melanie; Wells, Mari; Marvinney, Robert G.; Monroe, Angela; Newman, Kathleen; Mercer, Paul Subject: RE: LD 1262

Angela Monroe is going to testify on behalf of the administration in support of this bill. Please contact her if you have any concerns.

Sent from my iPhone using ZixOne

On May 1, 2017 at 9:57 AM "Desjardin, Tom" <<u>Tom.Desjardin@maine.gov</u>> wrote:

#### Hi Lance –

Hope all is well in Washington, DC-not likely on any given day-or at least with you.

Our thoughts are that we will testify against the bill to prevent permitting of the Monhegan Wind Test Project not on the merits of the project (which hasn't even submitted an application) but on the fact that the legislature should not interfere or cherry-pick cases from the application/permitting process. They should let the appropriate, statutory process play out. Among other things, picking one out of that process to prohibit or require isn't fair to all of the others who went through the process properly.

This is kind of a separation of powers issue. Again, the project hasn't even submitted an application yet, so it is way too premature to be requiring the Executive Branch to reject it.

The Public Hearing is Thursday, so if you could get a sense as to whether the governor is ok with this approach generally, we would go ahead.

Thanks!

Have fun!

Tom

From: Loyzim, Melanie Sent: Monday, May 1, 2017 9:46 AM To: Desjardin, Tom Subject: FW: LD 1262

From: Monroe, Angela Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 7:16 AM To: Libby, Lance Cc: Madore, David; Karagiannes, Mike; Loyzim, Melanie Subject: RE: LD 1262

Yes.

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On Apr 27, 2017 at 7:06 PM "Libby, Lance" <<u>Lance.Libby@maine.gov</u>> wrote:

Angela – Can you draft the position memo?

Lance Libby Senior Policy Advisor Office of the Governor <u>207-287-3416</u>, Office <u>207-592-0041</u>, Mobile

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From: DiBello, Carol Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 10:24 AM To: Foust, Karen L <<u>Karen.L.Foust@maine.gov</u>> Subject: FW: PORT SAFETY FORUM - 27 SEP 2017

From: King, Kim Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 8:50 AM To: Brian Downey (brian.downey@marinecs.com) <br/>Subject: PORT SAFETY FORUM - 27 SEP 2017

Please find details of the next Port Safety Forum attached and below.

Date:September 27, 2017Time:10:00 AMLocation:NH Department of Environmental Services (Conference Room)Pease International Tradeport222 International Drive, Suite 175Portsmouth, NH 03801

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From: DiBello, Carol Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 4:51 PM To: Noll, John <<u>John.Noll@maine.gov</u>>; Foust, Karen L <<u>Karen.L.Foust@maine.gov</u>> Subject: Aqua Ventus Article

http://bangordailynews.com/2017/11/28/business/what-happens-when-a-small-maine-town-and-anenergy-project-with-global-impacts-collide/

Carol DiBello, Submerged Lands Coordinator Submerged Lands Program, Bureau of Parks and Lands Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry 22 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333 Tel: <u>207.287.4922</u> Fax: <u>207.287.6170</u> carol.dibello@maine.gov ------ Forwarded message ------From: "Noll, John" <John.Noll@maine.gov> To: "Ayotte, Shannon" <Shannon.Ayotte@maine.gov> Cc: Bcc: Date: Mon, 4 Dec 2017 15:19:06 +0000 Subject: FW: LD 1262

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Finally, Tom stopped by and asked about submerged lands leases. It appears these are covered in 12 MRS 1862. Renewable energy projects (which include community-based projects) and demonstration projects are both addressed in this section. The demonstration projects (they are permitted by DEP under 38 MRS 480-HH) are covered in Section 1862(2)(F), with renewable energy projects covered in Section 1862(13). For demonstration projects there is no review associated with obtaining a submerged lands lease.

I hope this is helpful. If anyone has any questions, please let me know.

Nick

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Latest from DEP regarding lead on this bill, below.

It would be better for DACF to be lead, since DEP had no role in selecting the offshore test sites. I cochaired that effort in 2009 with Kathleen Leyden that resulted in selecting the Monhegan test site for the University. We went through an extensive public process that is currently being misrepresented by proponents of this bill. I would be happy to present an opposition testimony that summarizes our public process for site selection.

Bob

Robert G. Marvinney, Ph.D. State Geologist, Maine Geological Survey Director, Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry 93 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333 Direct line: 207-287-2804 Main line: 207-287-2801 Fax: 207-287-2353 robert.g.marvinney@maine.gov http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mgs/index.shtml

From: Loyzim, Melanie Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 4:31 PM To: Marvinney, Robert G. Subject: FW: LD 1262

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From: Andy Qua [mailto:<u>Andy.Qua@KleinschmidtGroup.com</u>] Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 2:28 PM

To: Stratton, Robert D <<u>Robert.D.Stratton@maine.gov</u>>; Keliher, Patrick <Patrick.Keliher@maine.gov>; Cotnoir, Sarah <Sarah.Cotnoir@maine.gov>; Todd, Charlie <Charlie.Todd@maine.gov>; Callahan, Beth <Beth.Callahan@maine.gov>; Nixon, Matthew E <Matthew.E.Nixon@maine.gov>; Hallowell, Dawn <Dawn.Hallowell@maine.gov>; Sullivan, Kelsey M <Kelsey.M.Sullivan@maine.gov>; Bergeron, Mark <Mark.Bergeron@maine.gov>; DiBello, Carol <Carol.DiBello@maine.gov>; Cloutier, Rene <Rene.Cloutier@maine.gov>; Benoit, Nathaniel <<u>Nathaniel.Benoit@maine.gov</u>>; Taylor, Joyce <<u>Joyce.Taylor@maine.gov</u>>; mike.r.johnson@noaa.gov;David.Bean@noaa.gov; wende\_mahaney@fws .gov; jordan.carduner@noaa.gov; jeff.murphy@noaa.gov; Jay.L.Clement@usace.army.mil;LeeAnn.Nea l@usace.army.mil; Michele.E.DesAutels@uscg.mil; David.T.Bourbeau@uscg.mil; Spiess, Arthur <<u>Arthur.Spiess@maine.gov</u>>; Mohney, Kirk <<u>Kirk.Mohney@maine.gov</u>>; Chamberlain, Kristen <<u>Kristen.Chamberlain@maine.gov</u>>; <u>Susan.Tuxbury@noaa.gov</u>; Noll, John <John.Noll@maine.gov>; kelsey.sullivan@maine.gov; Bensinger, Peggy <<u>Peggy.Bensinger@maine.gov</u>>; Beyer, Stacie R <<u>Stacie.R.Beyer@maine.gov</u>>; Peter Browne <Peter.Browne@hdrinc.com>; Jeffrey Thaler <jeffrey.thaler@maine.edu>; James Ward IV <jsward@maine.edu>; Damian Brady <damian.brady@maine.edu>; njohnson@orpc.co; Lori.Gray@ee.Doe.Gov; diana.heyder@ee.doe.gov;

mark mccollough@fws.gov

Subject: RE: Maine Aqua Ventus Update Meeting

Good afternoon everyone -

Please find attached an agenda for the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting as well as the Department of Energy's scoping version of the project description. Thanks to Lori for allowing us to distribute it.

For those that would like to take part but are unable to make it in person, please use this call-in information - Conference Call # <u>603-610-7052</u>Call ID # 213339. For those attending in person

directions can be obtained here - https://binged.it/2ocKOEL

Thank you and have a nice weekend. Andy

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When: Thursday, May 04, 2017 1:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada). Where: Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine at the UMaine Augusta Campus

Good afternoon everyone -

Thank you all for participating in the Doodle Poll to arrange this meeting. This date/time was not good for everyone, but the majority indicated availability on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. For those that are unable to attend, we will make meeting materials available and can arrange for follow-up discussions. We are also checking into arrangements for conference call capability to allow folks to join by phone.

An agenda and directions to the meeting room will follow but wanted to get this reserved in calendars.

Thank you, Andy Andrew D. Qua Senior Regulatory Coordinator Kleinschmidt Office: 207.416.1246 www.KleinschmidtGroup.com

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Bob, I left a message on your cell. I went back and read the statute a little closer and I generally agree with your conclusions. Sub lands will still need to do a review for public trust impacts resulting from the project but that review will be based on the findings of the general permit. John

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Finally, Tom stopped by and asked about submerged lands leases. It appears these are covered in 12 MRS 1862. Renewable energy projects (which include community-based projects) and demonstration projects are both addressed in this section. The demonstration projects (they are permitted by DEP under 38 MRS 480-HH) are covered in Section 1862(2)(F), with renewable energy projects covered in Section 1862(13). For demonstration projects there is no review associated with obtaining a submerged lands lease.

I hope this is helpful. If anyone has any questions, please let me know.

Nick

## From: Marvinney, Robert G. Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 9:54 AM To: Wells, Mari; Livesay, Nicholas; Desjardin, Tom Subject: FW: LD 1262

Latest from DEP regarding lead on this bill, below.

It would be better for DACF to be lead, since DEP had no role in selecting the offshore test sites. I cochaired that effort in 2009 with Kathleen Leyden that resulted in selecting the Monhegan test site for the University. We went through an extensive public process that is currently being misrepresented by proponents of this bill. I would be happy to present an opposition testimony that summarizes our public process for site selection.

Bob

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From: Loyzim, Melanie Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 4:31 PM To: Marvinney, Robert G. Subject: FW: LD 1262

FYI

From: Madore, David Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 4:19 PM To: Monroe, Angela; Libby, Lance Cc: Karagiannes, Mike; Loyzim, Melanie Subject: RE: LD 1262

Just discussing LD 1262 with staff and the siting position is in ACF's jurisdiction not DEP. Do you still want us involved or would you rather send the request over to ACF? Thanks

From: Madore, David Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 2:43 PM To: Monroe, Angela; Libby, Lance Cc: Karagiannes, Mike; Loyzim, Melanie Subject: RE: LD 1262 We will send a position over with other legislation tomorrow. Thanks, Dave

From: Monroe, Angela Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 1:57 PM To: Libby, Lance Cc: Madore, David; Karagiannes, Mike; Loyzim, Melanie Subject: Re: LD 1262

It probably should be a combination because he wanted to see the economics of the project. I assume he would also be interested in the DEP's siting position.

Sent from my iPhone using ZixOne

On Apr 27, 2017 at 1:48 PM "Libby, Lance" <<u>Lance.Libby@maine.gov</u>> wrote:

All,

The Governor will not be able to meet with Habib before the hearing on this bill. Should DEP prepare the position memo for the bill?

Thanks,

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