

## **LSRAB MEETING 05/06/2026**

Location: IFW Bangor Headquarters

Attendees:

Nick McCrum

Amanda Egan

Steve Thistlewood

Brandon Lane

Amanda Devine

Corp. Kris MacCabe

Kristin Peet

Kara Hodgins

Doug Kulis

Matt Stedman

Doug Dickinson

Acting Commissioner Tim Peabody

Luke Frankel

Hannah Stevens

Capt. Josh Bubier

Dennis Keschl

Robin Hudson- Secretary

Start time 1:18PM by Kristin Peet

Captain Josh Bubier started by expressing that the meetings should follow the agenda, if a topic comes up that is off topic of the agenda, we will make a note to add to the agenda for the next meeting.

Acting Commissioner Tim Peabody spoke to the board about Commissioner Camuso accepting a job as the President of Maine Audubon. He will be the Acting Commissioner until the next Commissioner is appointed most likely after the November election. There will be no acting Deputy Commissioner until then as well, but Tim believes with the current staff, the duties of the Deputy Commissioner will be well covered. Acting Commissioner Peabody also said that from now until November they will be working on a budget and legislation to present to the Legislative Committee.

Luke Frankel asked if the Violations Bureau was still being looked at. Capt. Bubier said they had a meeting with the Violations Board/ Courts and other individuals who all were in approval, but Acting Commissioner Peabody said that every statute that would be effected

would need to be looked at. They hope to have an outline by September, but Tim thinks that they may need to have a special session.

The ATV issues took up a majority of the meeting and the following bills were discussed. LD1308, LD 276 and LD350 and LD2221.

LD 2221 would establish 5 non-voting board members, 2 from Warden Service, 1 Member of an Economic and Development organization and 2 members from ACF. Corporal MacCabe says this may have to be put on the backburner due to all the ATV issues.

LD276: An act related ATV registrations. The original bill registrations of oversized ATV's and dealers, we had found that dealers were not complying with the law. This bill requires Dealers to provide documentation to customers and starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, they will be required to send the documentation to IFW if an oversized ATV is sold. There will be a new question on the MOSES process asking if you are registering an oversized ATV, if the answer is yes the application will not allow you to proceed.

LD350: Bringing back a task force which will consider issues related to weights, sizes and classifications of all-terrain vehicles, referred to in this resolve as "ATVs," in the State. When considering issues related to ATVs, the advisory board shall consult with the following stakeholders: 1. An individual who registered an oversized ATV and had that registration rescinded by the State; 2. An ATV manufacturer; 3. An ATV dealer; and 4. Any other stakeholders as determined by the advisory board.

LD2221: "An Act to Amend the 10 Composition of the Landowners and Land Users Relations Advisory Board" SUMMARY: This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, adds language to specify that one of the representatives of outdoor recreationists on the Landowners and Land Users Relations Advisory Board must be a representative of a snowmobile club

The department will look at training town clerks on what to look for when registering an ATV, the sales agreements do not provide much information to determine if the ATV is oversized and since a good amount of ATV registrations go through the town offices, it is important to give the clerks the support they need. Kris said he will also be sending roughly 400 certified letters to ATV owners letting them know they cannot register their ATV due to the size.

The board will be coming up with questions for surveys to send out to get a better idea of what people think about ATV use, they will target different groups of individuals, land owners, land users, recreational businesses, dealers, etc. The hope is to get the surveys

out with a deadline to give the board time for them to review the answers and come up with potential legislation. Gabby from the Info Center will help prepare the surveys and then an email blast will be sent out letting the public know about the surveys.

The board is also considering having a public meeting and inviting people to give public comments on how ATV use, possibly looking at landowners, town clerks, prosecutors, dealers.

Insurance for ATV's was also brought up, currently Maine does not require insurance for recreational vehicles such as ATV's, Snowmobiles and Boats. A member asked what happens if there is an accident, how to landowner's recoup damage. The clubs do carry liability insurance if something happens on a permitted trail.

The next 2 meetings have been scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Bangor Headquarters (1pm-3:30pm) and July 1<sup>st</sup> at the Gray Headquarters (10am-2pm).

Meeting adjourned: 3:30pm