

LSRAB MEETING 03/12/2026

Start time: 1:09pm

Members present:

Brandon Lane
Andrew Smart
Kris MacCabe
Josh Bubier
Tim Peabody
Judy Camuso
Christl Theriault
Matt Stedman
Amanda Egan
Hannah Stevens
Nick McCrum
Kara Hodgkin
Doug Dickinson
Dennis Keschl
Luke Frankel
Kristen Peet-(Teams)
Amanda Devine-(Teams)
Steve Thistlewood
Doug Kulis
Courtney Sirois

Hannah Stevens and Doug Dickinson approved the 12/16/2025 meeting minutes.

Judy gave thanks to all who attended and participated on the board, explaining the Landowner Relations board bridges landowners of Maine with the department, The goal of the board is to search out issues in the State, and the board has an important role in the legislative process and brings ideas to the Commissioner's office. IFW employees are not part of the board. It is mandatory that the board has at least 3 meetings a year, but can have more if necessary. The board must present recommendations or at least a concept to the Commissioner by late August to give Christl time to draft legislation.

Tim Peabody discussed 2 bills, LD 276 and LD 350. Both bills are related to ATV's

Kris MacCabe discussed LD 1308: Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Examine Issues Related to Public Access to Privately Owned Lands and LD 2221: An Act to Amend the Composition of the Landowners and Land Users Relations Advisory Board, this bill

looks to add 1 more member to the board. The member would be a representative of a non-motorized group such as hikers or bikers and create 5 more non-voting members.

The board elected Kristin Peet as the Chair of the board and Brandon Lane as the Co-Chair.

Steve Thislwood spoke about the Violations Bureau and Josh said he was working on getting data on how many cases are being dismissed by the courts. There are still a lot of questions on how the violations bureau would work. Board members asked about where the money would go if this was implemented.

Courtney discussed IFW's digital presence, the department has roughly 250,000 email addresses for IFW users. They can tell if emails sent are opened and how long the emails were opened. Next week the Info Center will send emails regarding mud season and the ATV trails being closed. They will also send emails regarding hiking safety, getting the message out that just because the weather is getting warmer now the mountains still may not be accessible. Also messages reminding people of the thinning ice and removing ice shacks, and damage to snowmobiles trails caused by users riding on them with little snow on the ground.

Kris and Andrew have been working on making a video. The purpose of the video is to thank landowners.

Josh discussed possibly bring the Landowners Relations award banquet back, possibly Jan of 2027 and the video could be released at that time.

The board discussed finding different locations to have the meetings and discussed the need to have targeted meeting due to the overload of issues.

The next meeting will be at 1:00PM, Wednesday May 6th at the Bangor Headquarters.

Meeting adjourned: 3:02PM

