

# S.O.S.-MAINE SHORELINES SUMMER 2011



## *Greetings from the President*

WOW! What wonderful weather we're enjoying here on the coast of Maine. Isn't it a true pleasure to see the sun get higher and higher off the horizon each day, the return of the azure blues in the sky and sea, the plethora of colors in gardens and roadside borders, and the greens of lawns, fields and trees as they fill in the landscape. Is it not an invigoration to sense the gentle breathes of warming southerly winds, the relaxing smells of freshly mowed lawns and blooming lilacs, and the purifying effect as we breathe the crispness of salty sea breezes.

Proof, once again, of the saying that you really cannot appreciate a Maine Spring until you've gone through a Maine winter.

Shame on those that are creating the image and hysteria that we shoreland property owners are destroying the coastal environment in which we live, work and raise our families. Shame on them for trying use our legislators and courts to diminish our coastal private property rights.

SOS Maine's Board has wintered-over well, staying ever vigilant for the continuing efforts to erode private property rights. We have found that even with the still atrophying economy, public funding flows into groups that are waging misinformation and emotional anti-private property campaigns. It is disappointing that our public officials and administrators do not realize that they are being used by individuals and minority (not a citizen majority minded) groups to further the hysteria that (1.) property owners are not caring for the land, (2.) "all land owners are evil and are taking away their access to public domains" and (3.) their need to gain more recreational access to privately owned and maintained property.

There is good news to report about S.O.S.-Maine's efforts to represent you in Augusta. As a result of the November state elections and the administration changes, we have been able to introduce and have passed legislation that returns to you the ability to maintain and protect your shoreland zoned properties. This ability to have heard and to submit legislation did not occur just because of the change of administrations; it occurred because of S.O.S.-Maine's years of having a presence in Augusta, working with legislative committees and having earned everyone's respect as a consistent common sense and sound judgment voice.

To sustain our voice as a defender of private property rights, to maintain a presence in coastal communities, to keep access to Augusta, to create public information literature and to continue to develop and operate communication vehicles to and from the membership, we need members, lots of members from Kittery to Cape Elizabeth. It is only through each of us paying our dues and networking, that we can maintain our base, and expand the S.O.S.-Maine's membership numbers.

Please continue to support and promote S.O.S.-Maine.

**Mike Severance**

President-S.O.S.-Maine

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*S.O.S.-Maine's mission is to educate the coastal community about issues that impact Maine's coastal heritage.*

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S.O.S.- Maine activities and events.

# S.O.S.- Maine Annual Meeting

**Saturday, July 16th**

**Guest Speaker: Pattie Aho, Acting Commissioner,  
Maine Department of Environmental Protection**

Please join us at 9:00 AM at the Coastal House on Route One in Wells to welcome DEP Acting Commissioner Pattie Aho. Ms. Aho is a native of Boothbay Harbor, who graduated from Nasson College and earned a law degree from Western New England College. Pattie has been in the forefront of environmental advocacy for over 25 years and has been active on many of the critical issues facing Maine, including energy efficiency, greenhouse gas and petroleum regulation. Admitted to the Maine Bar, she most recently served as an attorney at Pierce Atwood and will be Maine DEP's primary liaison with both the Maine Legislature and the Governor's Office, as well as representing the agency on several state and regional committees, including the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

Pattie will update the membership on issues that are being discussed in Augusta concerning coastal environmental management and the direction of the DEP in this current administration.

Local legislators have been invited to attend. The business agenda will include an update on S.O.S.-Maine activities and the annual election of officers. Refreshments will be served.



## MAINE BEACHES CONFERENCE



**Coastal Places, Processes, and Partnerships:  
Balancing values and expectations on Maine's beaches  
July 15th 8:30:00  
Southern Maine Community College  
South Portland**

The draft program for the 2011 Maine Beaches Conference is now available!

[www.maine.gov/doc/nrime/mgs/explore/marine/beach-conference/beaches-2011.htm](http://www.maine.gov/doc/nrime/mgs/explore/marine/beach-conference/beaches-2011.htm) for full details. Since 2000, the Maine Beaches Conference has provided continuing opportunities for exchange of the most current information among beach stakeholders with diverse interests, and presents the findings from the state's beach monitoring programs.



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## S.O.S.- Maine Robert Foley Community Service Scholarship

S.O.S.- Maine has awarded the 2011 Robert Foley Community Service scholarship to Wells High School senior Austin Hubbard. Austin was awarded the scholarship on June 9th at the Wells High School Awards night by Bob Foley.

Austin is an Eagle Scout, and played both soccer and lacrosse all four years of high school. His volunteer projects included planting trees and a rock garden at the Wells Historical Society and work on the Founders Park on Route 109 in Wells.

He plans to attend Maine Maritime Academy in Castine in the fall.

### York County Community College Scholarships

In January, S.O.S. Maine honored two YCCC students with scholarships to support their academic endeavors in the fall of 2012.

### Membership Drive!

S.O.S.-Maine will be in attendance at Wells Harbor Park on July 30th during the Rotary Chicken BBQ from 4-6 PM to recruit new members. Please stop by!

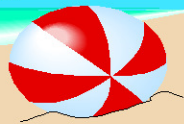


## WEBSITE

SOS Maine's website is  
[www.sosmaine.org](http://www.sosmaine.org)

Please take a few minutes and add it to your favorites list. You will find information on membership, legislative updates, copies of our newsletters, articles of interest about our coast, etc.

We hope that you will find this site useful and easy to navigate.



# E-LETS

Members of S.O.S.-Maine who submit their e-mail addresses with their membership dues will be included in an internal distribution list. This list will be used exclusively to send important and timely information to members in the form of an e-mail alert.

Please let us know if your e-mail address has changed so that we can update our database. The information can be sent to:

**info@sosmaine.org**



## S.O.S.-Maine & Maine Coastal Coalition Membership

The membership of S.O.S.-Maine continues to grow, with over 300 dues-paying members, and others on our mailing list who are receiving this newsletter. We will not be able to continue to mail the newsletter to these individuals in the future due to the cost of distribution, and ask that if you are interested in receiving the newsletter in the future, please become a member of S.O.S.-Maine. There is a membership form below, or you may visit the web-site [www.sosmaine.org](http://www.sosmaine.org) and print a form for yourself or your neighbor!

The Maine Coastal Coalition is the subsidiary of S.O.S. Maine, which is able to use donated funds to lobby for the interests of coastal property owners.

S.O.S.-Maine's fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th, and membership renewals are sent in July.



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Yes, we want to be on the S.O.S.-Maine team. Here's our membership:  
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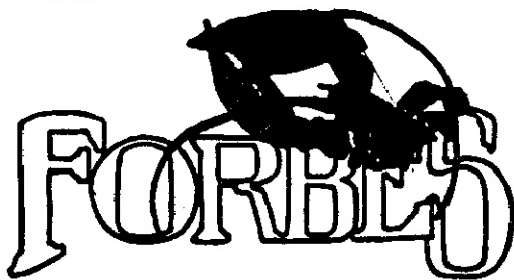
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