

Acadia Byway Corridor Management Committee
8/3/2010
Trenton Town Office

Attending: Ann Krieg, Bill Haefele, Pete Lazas, Jim Fisher, George Hopkins, Fred Michaud

Visiting: Bill Stockman, Friends of Goose Cove (wsstockman@aol.com or 667-4736)

Agenda

- Oyster Farm Proposal
- Context Sensitive Solutions
- Corridor Plan
- Corridor Management Plan

Bill Stockman, Friends of Goose Cove presented their perspective of Acadia Aquaculture's proposal

- Acadia Aquaculture applied to DMR for an Oyster Farm
- State notified shorefront owners on Goose Cove within 1,000 feet (60 landowners)
- Scoping meeting was held in November, 2009 in Trenton
 - Proposal was for a smaller facility
 - Landowners submitted comments
- January, 2010 a formal proposal was submitted
- Bill Stockman – looked at documents on the internet
 - Trenton Comprehensive Plan indicates scenic views from Thompson Island over Goose Cove
 - Property map indicates much of the land around the bay is conserved
 - Acadia National Park
 - Various land trusts – Maine Coast Heritage Trust, The Nature Conservancy
 - Families with conservation easements
 - Photographs indicate the system of cages that would be used
 - Two areas of 25 acres
 - Each cage is 3' * 5'
 - Might have as many as 3,000 cages
 - Access to site
 - Trenton Boat Ramp for off loading oysters
 - Low tide – no water in the channel – will need to move materials at high tide, regardless of time of day
 - Visual impacts
 - Illustration of locations from which the facility will be visible
 - Impacts on boaters, property owners, renters
 - Visible from Cadillac Mountain
 - Head of Goose Cove has three aquiculture sites already
 - Environmental impacts
 - Concern about flushing rates
 - Eel grass beds nearby
 - Unclear how seagulls and diving birds will be controlled – noise?
 - Don't know about disease spread
 - Odor problems may be significant

- Boating impacts
 - Bill Haefele noted that this area is very busy at all tides with Kayaks and at high tides there are many small boats
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- Economic Impacts
 - Campgrounds will be affected – particularly KOA
 - Want to balance to benefits of aquiculture with benefits of tourism
 - Other fishing operations are affected
 - Clamming
 - Coastal property values may be reduced
 - May generate 6 jobs, will provide some additional taxes to Town and State
- Process
 - This is the first time this technology has been proposed on this scale in Maine
 - DMR is the primary permitting agency
 - does not consider scenic impact
 - Other regulatory groups
 - Army Corp of Engineers
 - Department of Environmental Protection
 - Land Trusts and Park have not taken a stand on this project
 - Hoping that the Acadia All American Road will express opposition to this proposal
 - Looking for ways to publicize this issue
 - Ann Krieg suggested that we continue discussing this in committee and consider writing a letter when we are closer to making a decision.

CSS Project Update

- 20 person committee formed
- Meeting today
- Planning section of Route 3 between Iresone Hill

Acadia Gateway Center Update

- Foundation work nearly complete
- Trail project moving forward – FOA and NPS have identified a good possibility for a nature walk
- Jim is mapping the utility corridor to see whether this might be a viable bike-pedestrian trail

Gateway Signage

- Jim passed around examples of signs
- Book on Park and Recreation Structures has other examples.
- Grant announcement may not be for many months, but the odds are pretty good for the Acadia Signage Grant

Next Byway Meeting:

- Will coordinate this meeting with CSS meetings in Bar Harbor