

Outline of Interlocal Agreement
 Bylaws and Workplan for Sea Level Adaptation Working Group
 White Paper for Discussion, Draft 1 – 16 June 2010

<p>A. Whereas Statements– Preamble</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>WHEREAS</i> the parties to this Agreement have the desire to obtain regionally-based, consensus advice on adapting to sea level rise, as has been observed and measured in Saco Bay; and 2. <i>WHEREAS</i> the parties of the Agreement acknowledge that such sea level rise should be expected to continue, the parties wish to create an advisory committee in order to develop recommendations to each municipality regarding the adoption of coordinated policies, ordinances, capital projects, management, and land acquisition for coastal wetland conservation, for adaption to sea level rise; and 3. <i>WHEREAS</i>, pursuant to the Maine Constitution, Art. VIII, Pt. 2 and 30-A MRSA Section 3001, municipal home rule authorizes such an agreement through a vote of the legislative body; 4. <i>NOW</i>, therefore, the municipalities of Biddeford, Old Orchard Beach, Saco and Scarborough, and the Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements hereinafter stated and the performance thereof do hereby become parties to this Agreement and promise and agree as follows:
<p>B. Purpose</p>	<p><u>Purpose.</u> The purpose of this Agreement is to establish an advisory committee that is able to review local, state and federal coastal management policies, expenditures, regulatory efforts, and development proposals, related to the adaption to sea level rise, within the Saco Bay region, in order to ensure regional consistency and cooperation. The region consists of any coastal estuaries, marshes and beaches subject to tidal influence, within the four municipalities that are parties to this Agreement.</p>

<p>C. Administration: Membership, Quorum, Attendance, Meetings, Staff,</p>	<p><u>Membership.</u> A nine member Sea Level Adaptation Working Group (SLAWG) is hereby created, which shall act as the agent of the parties for the purposes of executing this Agreement. The membership of the SLAWG shall consist of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one (1) municipal planner or designee appointed from each municipal party; • one (1) at-large citizen appointed from each municipal party. • one (1) regional planner appointed by the Director of the Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission <p>A representative of the Maine Geological Survey, Department of Conservation, will attend meetings as time and funding permit, to provide scientific input into the SLAWG discussions.</p> <p><u>Consensus.</u> The Committee shall make decisions based on unanimous consensus of all members present. Each municipality and the SMRPC must have at least one representative present at meetings, with a minimum total of five members, to constitute a quorum. Unanimous consensus means that all Committee members present at meetings agree to accept decisions made by the Committee.</p> <p><u>Organization, Election of Officers.</u> Upon the effective date of this Agreement, or as soon thereafter as possible, the members of the SLAWG shall hold an organizational meeting. At this first meeting the Committee shall elect officers, including a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary/Treasurer. Officers shall serve for a term of two years, but may serve two consecutive terms as officers. If an officer resigns before the term has expired, the Committee may replace the officer by means of a special election.</p> <p>The Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission (SMRPC) shall act as fiscal agent for the Committee, receiving and disbursing all funds as directed by the Committee over the signature of the Chairperson and Secretary.</p> <p><u>Meetings.</u> Meetings may be called by SMRPC, the Chairperson, or by any six members, by written or emailed notice of the time, place and business to be considered. All meetings shall be open to the public. Notice to all members and the media shall be at least 7 days unless the Chairperson determines there is an emergency, in which case the Chairperson may waive the 7 day requirement providing all members, or all parties are notified, and the provisions of 1 MRSA Section 406 are complied with. Each Municipality shall be responsible for posting meeting notices of the SLAWG according to State Statutes, and its own ordinances, rules, and practices. The SLAWG shall conduct public meetings at least four times a year.</p>
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<p>D. Funding</p>	<p>As a condition of entry into this Agreement, each party municipality shall appropriate for the Committee an amount equal to or in excess of ____ for FY 2010, in fulfillment of the terms of the Regional Challenge Grant from the State Planning Office. This appropriation and current grant will fund the work of the SLAWG through December 31, 2010. For succeeding fiscal years for as long as this Agreement shall be in effect each party shall appropriate an equal amount, unless the terms of future grants are different than the terms of FY 2010. Municipal party payments shall be due on or before April 1 of each year.</p> <p>The SMRPC shall act as employing party for the Committee. The employing party shall arrange for meeting space and administrative services to the Committee that are sufficient to hold meetings at least 4 times per year. The municipal parties shall contribute in-kind (non-cash) services, as per the terms of the grant terms, including administrative overhead, town planner staff time, meeting space, telephone and other communications, and actual cost of supplies, materials, vehicles, and equipment.</p> <p>The SLAWG shall appoint a Secretary/Treasurer from among its members, who also shall be an official of one of the municipal parties. The Secretary/Treasurer shall have the power and duty to oversee the work of the SMRPC to: collect, hold and disburse grant funds; maintain accurate and complete financial records; and prepare an annual financial report for submission to the SLAWG, Municipal Parties, and SPO on or before December 31 of each year. The Committee shall prepare an annual budget on or before December 31 of each year.</p> <p>The fiscal year shall be January 1 to December 31.</p> <p>The SMRPC shall employ a qualified public accountant to conduct an annual audit on the basis of auditing standards and procedures prescribed by the State of Maine</p>
<p>E. Property</p>	<p>Title to any equipment acquired pursuant to the Agreement shall be held by the employing municipality, and insured thereby. Interests shall be in accordance with actual contributions by the parties to the purchase of such property, or if no party contributes, equally among party municipalities.</p> <p>The Committee shall be responsible for seeing that all property is maintained.</p> <p>Upon termination of this Agreement, disposition of property shall be as follows: All property bought or donated to the Committee for its use by one of the parties shall be returned to the donating/purchasing party. All other property shall be offered for sale at market value, first to the parties. If more than one party wishes to purchase the property, it shall be sold to the highest bidder. If no party wants it the property will then be sold to whoever offers the highest bid.</p> <p>Any funds remaining upon termination of this Agreement shall be divided equally among parties.</p>

<p>F. Breach</p>	<p>A party shall be deemed to be in breach of this Agreement if it fails to appoint any Committee member as described in Article ___, or if it fails to perform or comply with any of the terms, provisions, or conditions of this Agreement or of the by-laws of the Committee. The Committee shall give a party written notice of specific acts or omissions that constitute a breach. The party so notified shall have 30 days to conform. If the party fails to conform within the notice period, it shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Agreement.</p> <p>Any party may withdrawal from this Agreement subject to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Withdrawal becomes effective no less than 30 days from the date upon which notice of the party's intent to withdraw is given to the Committee. 2. Any payments due during the notice period shall be paid to the Secretary/Treasurer; 3. Upon the effective date of withdrawal the withdrawing party shall lose all rights to benefits derived of the Agreement and to funds previously contributed. 4. The withdrawing party shall pay to the Committee the entire amount of its share of any outstanding debts of the Committee.
<p>G. Powers and Duties</p>	<p>The Committee shall have all the powers necessary and incidental to the implementation of this Agreement, including but not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commenting on federal or state beach nourishment/erosion control efforts that affect more than one community, including management or deposition of dredged materials. 2. Identifying infrastructure vulnerable to storms and sea level rise such as culverts, storm drains, bridges or tide gates; using regional approaches to plan for improvements; and obtaining grants or appropriations for construction projects on a regional basis, or supporting individual municipal grant or appropriation requests for such projects. 3. Recommending the standardizing of floodplain management standards and building code interpretations across jurisdictions to improve resiliency of individual private structures. 4. Recommending standardizing of ordinance review standards affecting the shorelands adjacent to Saco Bay, as well as standardizing review and controls for water activities across jurisdictions, for structures and activities affected by sea level rise or coastal storms. Such water activities may or may not include land-based development, and could include aquaculture, marina, or green energy production projects. 5. Providing non-binding comments on various applications for development review affecting Saco Bay that may be vulnerable to sea level rise or coastal storms, to those individual review authorities having jurisdiction. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. establishing by-laws to govern the conduct of its business and hearings; The by-laws shall be approved by each party. 11. reporting to the Councils of each party municipality at least once a year about its activities and present its annual budget.

<p>H. Work Items</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>(OOB and Scarborough) Jones Creek – Restoring tidal marsh habitat and natural tidal flows by removing flow obstructions, increasing culvert sizes, creating new channels, and mitigating flooding problems in developed areas. Recommendations of the Milone and MacBroom Report, commissioned by Old Orchard Beach, will guide this effort.</i> 2. <i>(Saco and OOB) Management of Tide Gates, filling in Ocean Park/Goosefair Brook</i> 3. <i>(Biddeford and Saco) Saco River Estuary fringe marshes</i> 4. <i>(Biddeford) Mile Stretch Road, Biddeford Pool approaches</i> 5. 6. 7. 8.
<p>I. Adoption, Amendment of Agreement</p>	<p>Duration: This Agreement shall continue until fewer than 3 municipalities remain as parties.</p> <p>Effective Date: This Agreement shall take effect once it has been approved by the legislative bodies of all the parties, and signed by a designee of each party. A copy shall be filed with the Department of Conservation, the Maine State Planning Office Land Use Team and Coastal Program, and with the municipal clerks of each party municipality. Parties shall have until 1 October 2010 to approve the Agreement.</p> <p>Amendment: This Agreement may be amended by following the procedures established in the paragraph above, provided amendments shall not be required to strike out the names, numbers and terms of board members and any other information written in this Agreement applying to parties who fail to approve or who withdraw from this Agreement;</p> <p>The Committee shall file this Agreement for review by the Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission, and the Maine State Planning Office at least 30 days prior to the date of legislative action by any of the parties.</p>
<p>J. Parties</p>	<p><i>Biddeford, Old Orchard Beach, Saco, Scarborough, SMRPC</i></p>