

**Notice to Members of the Natural Resources Council of Maine  
September 12, 2012**

Dear NRCM Members,

The Board of Directors has prepared a series of recommended changes to NRCM's bylaws. Our intent is to improve their clarity and bring them up to date.

I have included the relevant sections of the bylaws with the proposed changes inserted. The changes fall into five broad categories:

1. **Our name.** "The Council" is replaced by "NRCM" throughout the document to reflect current practice.
2. **Board terms.** We have clarified the role of the Board member in his or her eighth year and the leave of absence policy.
3. **Modern realities.** We have expanded the ways through which Board members can participate in meetings from a distance.
4. **Role of committees.** We have described the makeup and activities of the Board's Executive Committee.
5. **Clarity and current practice.** Several other changes have been made to improve clarity and reflect current practice.

I will ask NRCM members to approve these changes in one motion at the September 27th annual meeting at Hannaford Hall, University of Southern Maine, Portland. Thank you for your consideration.



Tony Owens, President  
NRCM Board of Directors