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## MFPC Has Strong Showing at CLUP Workshops

**By Patrick Strauch  
MFPC Executive Director**



Members of the Maine Forest Products Council and supporters of Maine's forest products industry turned out in the hundreds to oppose the draft Comprehensive Land Use Plan at recent public workshops held around the state by Maine's Land Use Regulation Commission during the weeks of April 27<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Landowners, mill owners, forest managers, sportsmen, and citizens of the Unorganized Territory showed up at hearings from Fort Kent to Portland, unified in their message, to tell LURC that the draft Comprehensive Land Use Plan must be

dramatically altered in order to be acceptable, or simply to start from scratch and try again.

A big thank you goes out to all members who participated in the workshops or submitted comments to LURC. Among the many members of the Council who attended was Doug Denico from Madison, who attended all but one of the workshops. Denico, a small landowner and 1st Vice President of the Maine Forest Products Council. He attended workshops in Fort Kent, Presque Isle, Millinocket, Rangeley, Portland, Augusta, and Machias.

Among some of the comments that were heard at the workshops were:

*"The anger expressed with the CLUP draft at every session proximate to the jurisdiction should convince you that there are major problems with the language you used revising the CLUP. Some folks in Portland may be okay with the language but that is because, unlike they were told by their leading newspapers, the jurisdiction land is not their land." Steve Schley of Pingree Timberlands in Bangor..*

*"The underlying tone of the draft CLUP update portrays the plantations and unorganized territories as secluded, barely touched by man wilderness. It is difficult for those of us who live and work in the North*

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## MFPC Announces Summer Breakfast Series and Fall Legislative Forums

MFPC will be hosting a summer breakfast series and series of fall legislative forums. While the legislative forum schedule is still to be determined, the summer breakfast series will begin in Fort Kent on Tuesday, June 19. On Tuesday, June 24 we'll be in Jackman, and on Thursday, June 26 we'll hold a final breakfast in Farmington. The breakfasts will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and will include a complimentary breakfast and presentation by Patrick Strauch and guest members from Maine's Natural Resource Network. Members of MFPC are welcome and encouraged to bring a prospective member.

**Thursday, June 19, Fort Kent- Presentations by Patrick Strauch & Don Flannery of the Maine Potato Board**

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**LOCATION: Rock's Family Diner, 378 West Main St.**

**Tuesday, June 24, Jackman- Presentations by Patrick Strauch & TBA.**

**SPONSORED BY: Plum Creek Timber Company**

**LOCATION: The Four Seasons Restaurant, 121 Main St.**

**Thursday, June 26, Farmington Presentations by Patrick Strauch & Bob Meyers of the Maine Snowmobile Association**

**SPONSORED BY: Maine Farm Credit**

**LOCATION: The Homestead Bakery, 186 Broadway St.**

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**President's Message,**  
By Peter Triandafillou

This has been a very busy month for the Council, with the addition of a new face and the long awaited work session for the LURC Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP).

First, let me welcome and introduce you to James Cote. He is our new Communications Director and you will be seeing and hearing from him in the near future.

James worked on Senator Mill's gubernatorial campaign, and for Eaton Peabody's consulting group. Most recently, James worked for Winning Strategies, the firm that is helping the Council with our LURC project.

He brings an excellent skill set and is a valuable addition to the team. In addition to communications work, he will work on grass roots membership and participation as well as lending a much needed hand in the Legislature.

In May, LURC held a series of work sessions on the CLUP. Our industry and residents of the Unorganized Territories (UT) had a great showing at all the sessions.

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It is really gratifying to get that kind of turnout, and I would like to thank everyone, from Allagash to Portland, who took the time to



**Peter Triandafillou**

show up and speak. We sent a powerful message to LURC: The proposed draft is unacceptable to the residents and landowners of the region. Many, many people told them that the only logical solution is to go back to the 1997 draft and start again.

We must remain engaged and ready to speak again. At present, LURC is continuing the process of meeting with groups (including MFPC) and plans to hold public hearings, possibly later in the summer. However, there are several paths forward and the outcome is not completely clear.

Patrick and James plan on having a breakfast series again this summer. Look for invitations in your area, and please plan on attending to give us your input. It would also be great for you to bring a prospective new member with you.

I wish you all a productive and safe summer. Please feel free to attend any of the Executive Committee meetings during this period. I hope to see you all at the annual Golf Outing (feel free to laugh at my miserable golf) and at the Annual Meeting in September.

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## Communications Corner

By: James Cote



My first two months here at the Council sure have been busy! Among some of the highlights we've experienced in the last few weeks have been several opportunities to comment in the press about the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and LURC's public workshops. Don White of Prentiss and Carlisle and Patrick Strauch were interviewed on Portland News Channel 6 at the Portland CLUP workshop and Patrick was invited to submit an op-ed about the CLUP to the Waterville Morning Sentinel, which appeared in the Sunday, May 4 issue. Several more op-ed's are expected to be submitted to statewide papers in coming weeks.

Keep an eye out for my new monthly column in the Northwoods Sporting Journal titled "Woods Watch" which debuts in June, and an appearance on the political program "Wildfire" with George Smith and Harry Vanderweide in the coming weeks.

We'll also be sending out a regular "MFPC Forest News" email with important media clippings and an "MFPC Forest Notes" email with important Council news, along with our MFPC newsletter in an attempt to keep members abreast of the industry's most pressing issues. Members of the Maine Forest Products Council know well how

important it is for their voices to be heard, and we want to make sure that the MFPC Newsletter is a place where guests are welcome to share their views. Beginning in July, we hope to solicit a monthly op-ed from a member or other interested person. If you have an idea for an interesting column, or are interested in submitting a piece, please contact James Cote at the MFPC for more details.

We'll also be meeting with members throughout the summer in an effort to better understand what issues matter the most for the upcoming 2009 legislative session. During that time we'll be starting a new section of



*Photos taken at Lurc Workshop*

the newsletter to profile and highlight one member per month. We look forward to visiting with you!



## Quality of Place Report Completed

A final report on Maine's Quality of Place was submitted to the Governor on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> by members of the Governor's Council of Maine's Quality of Place.

The document focuses on many issues surrounding the importance of landowner relationships. The language was modified in reference to LURC development concerns – perhaps in response to MFPC concerns- the information has not been updated to reflected errors in the data. (See recommendation 6 on page 21 of the Second Report of the Governor's Council on Maine's Quality of Place, link to site below.)

Of particular note, is the council's conclusion that a "Quality of Place development strategy is best done regionally with strong local input...The development and marketing of Quality of Place assets, especially natural resource assets, must balance the input of increased asset use with economic opportunity." These are good principles in building solid plans.

"I was disappointed that a greater connection to natural resource industries was not identified in the report. We maintain that working landscapes is a critical component to Maine's future Quality of Place." said Patrick Strauch

You can get the final report online by visiting <http://maine.gov/spo/specialprojects/qualityofplace/index.htm>.

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*Maine Woods to think of it as wilderness. The North Maine Woods is a privately owned, intensively managed private industrial forest.” Linda Alverson, former LURC Chairwoman in Presque Isle.*

*“It seems clear that there is no support for the proposed CLUP by the people who live and work in those areas of jurisdiction that have taken the opportunity to attend and comment at these workshops.” Tate Aylward in Portland.*

*“The new CLUP draft contemplates new timber harvesting restrictions for wildlife habitat, biodiversity and scenic views. Not only are these changes outside of LURC’s purview, but they threaten the ability for the region to continue to provide supply to Maine’s mills.” Peter Triandafillou of Huber in Augusta*

*“We enjoy a special relationship with the people of Maine—this draft compromises that relationship. We believe in a Comprehensive Land Use Plan, but this draft is seriously out of balance.” Patrick Strauch of the MFPC in Augusta.*

*“This CLUP will create a heavy burden on landowners, and its language invites litigation by outside special interest groups who would love to have this area transformed into a park of some kind. We must be careful to not portray landowners as a special interest group. They are the regulated body and as such should have the most important voice in these deliberations.” Representative Tom Saviello of Wilton in Rangeley.*

*“Let there be no doubt that the will to own long-term has been tested by the paradox that regulations burden to the greatest extent those owners who have taken the most passive approach to change and to development. However there currently remains a narrow window of opportunity to keep this principal alive. I fear this CLUP may close it.” Elbridge Cleaves of Prentiss & Carlisle in Machias.*

*“As a mill owner, I am very concerned about what these new restrictions on cutting and primitive access will do to the supply of wood to the mills in Maine. More restrictions always increase the costs of managing and harvesting the wood and with today’s tough markets the mills can’t stand any more added costs – and with the high price of fuel, neither can the loggers.” Jim Robbins of Robbins Lumber in Augusta.*

*“My vision for the jurisdiction is that it will be a place where the future generations of foresters and loggers will be working with the improved quality stands we’ve left them through our good forest management.” Mark Armstrong of Wagner Forest Management in Augusta.*

The MFPC also wishes to thank all the Legislators who stood in support of property owners and residents of the LURC jurisdiction, including Senator Roger Sherman,

Senator Kevin Raye, Senator Doug Smith, Senator Walter Gooley, Representative Tom Saviello, Representative Herb Clark, Representative Henry Joy, Representative Jackie Lundeen, Representative Jeff Gifford, Representative Wright Pinkham, Representative Pete Johnson, Representative Joe Tibbetts. A big thanks goes out to Millinocket Town Manager Gene Conologue, the Washington County Commissioners, and all other friends who spoke in support.

The period for the public to submit comments to LURC ends on June 6<sup>th</sup>. After comments have been received, LURC staff will review and summarize the comments and present a report to the Commissioners sometime in late summer. The Commissioners will then direct staff as to what to keep or change in the draft CLUP, and the new draft will go out to public hearings in the fall of 2008.

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## Natural Resource Agency Task Force Announced

The group charged with restructuring Maine’s natural resources agencies of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Environmental Protection, Conservation, Agriculture, and Marine Resources has been named and met for the first time on May 28 at the Maine State Arboretum Conference Room in Augusta.

As a result of legislative action during the last legislative session, the Governor was directed to appoint a task force to work with natural resource agencies to develop long term recommendations to improve the delivery of services and efficiencies by the departments.

In a letter to task force participants Governor Baldacci said, “I have become increasingly concerned that our natural resource agencies are not thriving in the intense budget constraints that have existed for a number of years. I am determined to explore all mechanisms to ensure that farmers, forest owners, recreationists, fishermen and others who benefit from Maine’s natural resource agencies will receive the programs and services that they need and that government should provide. “

The task force will be chaired by Karin Tilberg, Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Baldacci, and Representative

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Wendy Pieh, Co-Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry. Other members of the task force will include Commissioner Pat McGowan of Conservation, Commissioner Danny Martin of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Commissioner Brad Bradstreet of Agriculture, Commissioner Dave Littell of Environmental Protection and Commissioner George Lapointe of Marine Resources.

Also on the task force will be Representative Don Marean, Senator Bruce Bryant, Representative Ted Koffman, Senator Dennis Damon, Representative Bob Duchesne, Representative Ben Pratt, Patrick Strauch of the Maine Forest Products Council, Don Flannery of the Maine Potato Board, Jon Olsen of the Maine Farm Bureau, Bob Meyers of the Maine Snowmobile Association, George Smith of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, Julie-Marie Bickford of the Maine Dairy Industry Association, Russ Libby of the Maine Organic Food Growers Association, Skip Trask of the Maine Professional Guides Association, Don Kleiner of the Maine Bowhunter's Association, Dennis Smith a citizen angler, Sally Stockwell of the Maine Audubon Society, Sebastian Belle of the Maine Aquaculture Association, Patrice McCarron of the Maine Lobstermen's Association, Jim Markos of the Maine Shellfish Association, Andy Goode of the Atlantic Salmon Federation, Tom Doak of the Small Woodlot Owners Association of Maine, Barry Brusila a consulting forester, Sean Mahoney of the Conservation Law Foundation, Peter Didisheim of the Natural Resources Council of Maine, John Delahanty of Pierce Atwood, John Oliver of LL Bean, and John Marsh former head of the Maine Warden Service.

Patrick Strauch, Executive Director of the Maine Forest Products Council, said recently, "After the first meeting I'm encouraged by the commitment of the group to focus on challenging issues."

Ron Beard of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension will facilitate the meetings. The final report is to be submitted to the Governor by November 30, 2008. The public is encouraged to attend meetings of the task force.



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Yvonne DeMillo

## Maine Senator's Advocate for Increased Truck Weight Limits in Maine and Nationally.

On Tuesday, May 27, Maine's two United State's Senators announced their proposal to create a two year pilot program that would allow trucks to legally carry up to 100,000 pounds on federal highways- as long as diesel prices are greater than \$3.50 a gallon.

This is the latest effort in a series of unsuccessful Congressional attempts to allow truckers to transport larger loads on federally designated highways, usually blocked by highway safety organizations.

Senators Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins have designed the program so states have the ability to opt out and maintain lower weight limits if they desire.

In a press conference in front of the Maine Motor Transport Association on May 27, Collins told a crowd that the bill that she and Snowe have submitted varies from that of the bill Congressmen Mike Michaud has submitted, because it is directly linked to the price of

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## Legislative Report

*With the anticipation of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan workshops, the hiring of a new Communications Director, and the Council's involvement in an array of other projects, we were unable to complete a report on the final days at the Legislature before the deadline for the last newsletter. Below is my report to finish the session.*

Patrick Stauch

**LD 2273: "An act to Temporarily Suspend the Rate-setting Procedures for the Forest Products Industry"** (Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry) Sen. Martin – This bill provides for the immediate suspension until June 1, 2009 of the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, chapter 18, which regulates rates of compensation for forest products harvesting and hauling services, except for the section of that chapter that allows harvesters or haulers to form an association for rate determination proceedings. The suspension may be lifted by the Governor prior to June 1, 2009 if the Legislature is not in session. This resolve also requires the Department of the Attorney General to conduct a study of the state-wide market for forest products harvesting and hauling services and to submit legislation implementing the department's recommendations. The final report must be submitted by January 15, 2009.

*This legislation lifts an unfair standard that affected only Irving Woodlands but we fought to defeat this in the 121<sup>st</sup> Legislature. As part of the arrangement, landowners, loggers, and mills should expect inquiries by the Maine Attorney General's Office before the next session. I expect that they will be examining contractual relationships and market dynamics.*

**LD 2257: "An Act To Establish a Uniform Building and Energy Code"**- (Business, Research and Economic Development) Rep. Smith — This bill defines a uniform statewide building and energy code, known as the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, that will replace all building and energy codes adopted by state agencies and municipalities.

*This bill creates a governing body who will define these standards further. My concern is that smaller sawmills who operate in local markets and do not stamp grade their lumber will be excluded.*

**LD 2216: "Streamline and Ensure Adequate Funding for the Bureau of Air Quality"** (Natural Resources) Rep. Koffman — This bill adjusts the annual fee surcharge to licensed air emission sources. The additional revenue raised when applying this new surcharge to the most current toxicity information available, as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the most current emissions inventory, as determined by the Depart-

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ment of Environmental Protection, will be used to sustain funding for the core program of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Quality. The bill also reduces the administrative procedures for billing of annual license fees. Instead of sending out bills for licenses that expire each month, the bureau will send out bills only once each quarter for the licenses that expire during that quarter. The nonpayment period for each license is extended from 30 to 60 days to accommodate this change in billing procedures. Finally, the bill changes the definition of “air quality score” to “toxicity score.”

*This bill primarily broadened the base of facilities paying for an air emissions license. Many of the smaller and medium sized facilities will see an increased fee, while the fee on larger facilities is capped.*

**LD 2249: “To Protect Lake Water Quality”** (Natural Resources) Rep. Koffman — This bill is submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources pursuant to Public Law 2007, chapter 65. It authorizes municipalities to assess annual fees under certain conditions to property owners whose properties are accessed by a private road. It requires excavation contractors working in the shoreland zone to ensure that a person certified in erosion control practices is in charge of erosion control practices at the site. It changes the phosphorous compensation fee. It authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to allow applicants to meet municipal mitigation requirements in lieu of paying a compensation fee.

*The provision for municipalities to access an annual fee was eliminated. It is believed the CLP certification will qualify contractors as certified in erosion control practices. MFPC will investigate further. This section does not take effect until 2013.*

**LD 885: “An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study the Costs of Providing Certain Services in the Unorganized Territories”** (Taxation) Rep. Duchesne — This bill implements the recommendations of the Commission to Study the Cost of Providing Certain Services in the Unorganized Territories established by Resolve 2005, chapter 125.

*The bill changes the formula for assessing the unorganized territory for services of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission by reducing the percentage of state valuation to .013%, changes the increase in the assessment against towns and plantations to .015% and provides that a report on funding be submitted annually.*

*The bill delays by one year the provisions relating to transportation and reimbursement of transportation of students. The bill also contains a provision authorizing the county commissioners to enact an ordinance related to road construction, repair, and maintenance on roads in the Unorganized Territory in which the county has a property interest.*

**LD 2074: “An Act To Reestablish Fairness in Corporate Taxation by Taxing Real Estate Investment Trusts”** (Taxation) Rep. Duchesne — Under current law, real estate investment trusts, or “REITs,” which are a type of corporation that invests in real estate, are not taxed at the corporate or entity level, although distributions from the REIT are taxable income to participants in the REIT. This bill taxes REITs at the corporate level at the same rate as other corporations are taxed in Maine. Revenue generated by this tax is dedicated to the Land for Maine’s Future Fund. The bill also amends current law to require an individual to modify that individual’s taxable income based on any items of loss or gain by the REIT that are passed through the REIT to the individual.

*MFPC testified against this bill and the Administration was not in support. It was defeated.*

**LD 2154: “An Act Concerning Technical Changes to the Tax Laws, Also a section on Authorizing Payment from Undivided Territory.”** (Taxation) Sen. Perry — This bill makes various changes and corrections to the laws governing taxation, of particular interest to UT landowners was clarification of the authority of the State Tax Assessor to include in the establishment of the applicable tax mill rate in the unorganized territory the costs of payments that the unorganized territory district is obligated to make under a tax increment financing agreement and clarifies that the Treasurer of State is authorized to make the payments obligated under an unorganized territory tax increment financing agreement after the tax increment financing taxes are paid.

*MFPC testified neither for nor against this bill- but together with LD 2229 suggested that TIF’s in the UT needed to be examined further.*

**LD 2229: “An Act To Expand the Economic Development Benefit of Tax Increment Financing in Counties That Include Unorganized Territories”** (Taxation) Sen. Kevin Raye — This bill allows a development program for a development district or tax increment financing district

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located within the unorganized territory of a county to fund the development activity for that county. (TIFS)

*MFPC testified against this bill suggesting that landowners, county commissioners, and the Governor's Office convene a working group to better define TIF laws as they relate to the UT. Patrick has met recently with this group to initiate this process.*

**LD 2251: "An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2008-09 and To Require Notation of Tax Enhancement Programs Approved by the County Commissioners"** (Taxation) Rep. Piotti — This bill establishes municipal cost components for state and county services provided to the unorganized territory that would be paid for by a municipality. The municipal cost components constitute the property tax for the unorganized territory.

In addition, this bill requires that the fiscal administrator of the unorganized territory include in both the report and proposed legislation submitted annually to the Legislature a notation as to any tax enhancement programs that have been approved by the county commissioners.

*MFPC testified in favor of this bill and found cost components to be in order.*

**LD 2283: "An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Wind Power Development"** LD 2283 created an expedited permitting area for grid-scale wind energy development as a result of the Governor's Task Force's recommendations.

*I had concerns with the lack of representation by landowners in the process and expressed this to both the chairman, Alec Giffen, and the group. Nevertheless, in the final bill I testified against section 3457 that dealt with rulemaking for scenic viewpoint and scenic inventory. Because these rules have broad policy implication for forest landowners and the effect they would have on opportunities and restrictions on this land, I requested unsuccessfully that these rules be considered major substantive changes and not routine technical.*

**We plan on preparing a final legislative report on all of the bills that we defeated and passed and the implications of that legislation on your business. We will complete this as soon as possible.**

## Prentiss & Carlisle to Manage Quebec Timberland

Prentiss & Carlisle president Donald P. White announced on May 19 that the 85-year-old forest resource management firm will oversee 42,000 acres of timberland located 25 miles north of Quebec City. The land is owned by Quebec Forestlands, LP, an investment fund of The Forestland Group (TFG).

Prentiss & Carlisle (P&C) now manages approximately 1.5 million acres of timberland throughout the United States and Canada.

White believes that the project, to be led by P&C vice president Bill Miller, will strengthen P&C's Canadian business relationships.

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TFG's managing director Chris Zinkhan said, "We are always pleased to expand the forest management relationship between The Forestland Group and Prentiss & Carlisle. The firm's in-depth knowledge, broad experience with timber markets, and dedication to sustainability consistently translate into excellent, highly professional forest management."

*Prentiss & Carlisle is an 85-year-old forest resource management firm with offices in Maine, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Quebec. The firm manages about 1.5 million acres of timberland in the US and Canada, and in February of 2008 received FSC and SCS certification from Scientific Certification Systems (SCS), a Forest Stewardship Council-accredited auditing firm, for responsible stewardship of 748,000 acres of Maine forestland.*

*The Forestland Group is the largest private owner of hardwood timberlands in the United States. The company controls more than three million acres of timberland in the US, Canada, and Latin America. TFG was the first TIMO in the world to have its entire portfolio Forest Stewardship Council certified.*

## Peter Triandafillou Responds to the Wall Street Journal

The following piece by Peter Triandafillou is a response to an article written by Conor Dougherty published in the Wall Street Journal on April 15. You can find the article online at:

<http://www.mindfully.org/Health/2008/Employment-Health-Care-15apr08.htm>

Mr. Dougherty,

Your excellent article on the rise of the health care industry that featured Bangor, Maine covered the facts well. It is true that employment in Maine's manufacturing facilities, including pulp and paper mills, has declined, and that the healthcare industry in the region has expanded.

However, we must distinguish between declines in manufacturing vs. manufacturing employment. The forest products industry remains Maine's largest, contributing billion's per year to the economy. Paper production is comparable to what it was in the 80's and pulp and lumber production are higher. The productive capacity of the industry remains robust, in spite of some high profile bankruptcies and closures. With the exception of Easter Fine Paper, the pulp and paper mills that closed are now running under different ownership. What has changed is total employment in the sector.

This should not come as a surprise. All manufacturing enterprises must become more efficient or perish. Since Maine's paper production has remained relatively flat, total employment has declined, and we have not replaced those jobs with ones in new manufacturing industries. These employment losses are painful and dislocating, and the continued economic strength of the forest products industry is not a comfort to those who no longer find work in it. Your article correctly points out the transition to employment in the health care arena, with both positive and negative results.

However, although it is not within the scope of your article to delve into the details of the changes in Maine's forest products industry, as someone who is part of it I cannot help but take exception to its repeated portrayal as a "dying industry". It frankly is anything but.

Besides my role at Huber Resources Corp, which is one of the larger timberland owners and managers in Maine, I am currently President of the Maine Forest Products Council.

Thank you for your article and time.

Peter Triandafillou

Please notify your co-workers, employees, contractors and vendors. These meetings are important for the growth of the Maine Forest Products Council!

The fall legislative forum series will take place in Bangor, Dover, Machias and Sanford. Dates and locations are to be announced.

Breakfast series meetings may qualify for 2 hours, Category I, Licensed Forester continuing education credits. Formal board approval is pending. Attendance at the meetings will also qualify loggers for CLP credits.

Prentiss and Carlisle will be sponsoring a fall legislative forum in Bangor. If you are intested in sponsoring a legislative forum in the fall, please let us know.

*Thanks to all our sponsors. The breakfast is free to all participants, but we do need an accurate head count for the caterer. Register for a breakfast by contacting Sue McCarthy at 622-9288.*



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diesel. That mechanism, combined with the fact that states have the opportunity to opt out of the program, may prove to be enough give the bill passage. Collins hopes to tie the bill to other important legislation being worked in Congress, such as a second economic stimulus bill proposal, or energy legislation.

In a statement, Snowe said, "This outdated patchwork of weight limits that differs from state to state not only threatens smaller vehicles, but in some areas also places the safety of pedestrians and the motor carriers themselves at risk."

Such legislation would be a welcomed change to trucking outfits, especially in Maine. With diesel prices now pushing five dollars a gallon, the increase in capacity for truck drivers may mean the difference between earning a profit and closing shop.

Whatever proposal passes in the Senate must also be approved by the House.

# SFI Campaign to Build a Green Certified Habitat Home

**Bank of America commits \$60,000 in partnership with the Maine SFI Implementation Committee to build the first ever National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Green Certified, Habitat for Humanity home located in Portland Maine. The NAHB certified Habitat home is well underway with nearly \$93,000 committed either in cash or in kind contributions and is slated to commence construction in June. The Goal is to raise \$120,000**

## Maine SIC Contributors

**Wagner Forest Management**  
\$5000 cash

**Huber Engineered Wood Products**  
(Advantech Sheathing (floors and entire shell))



**Fraser Papers**  
Framing Lumber  
**SFI Inc.**  
\$3000 cash

**H. O. Bouchard Inc.**  
\$1500 /Transporting Materials

**If you would like to contribute to this campaign please call Patrick Sirois or Sue McCarthy @ 622-9288**



**Contributors to the Portland Maine Chapter of Habitat for Humanity are recognized through their customized promotional package. You can download package at**

**<http://www.sfimaine.org/PDFS/Sponsorship Package Options.pdf>**



*To all the Turkey Hunters out there.....  
Sorry if this one got away  
Better Luck Next Season!!!!*

# You're Invited to the Maine Forest Products Council Summer Golf Tournament

## July 10, 2008

Play Rain or Shine  
4 Person Scramble Format  
**Fee \$95 per person**

Includes 18 holes of golf w/cart & reception  
Check in 12:00- 12:30 pm –Shotgun start 1:00 pm



### Maine Forest Products Council

#### 2008 Summer Golf Tournament Registration Form

Name	Company	Handicap (21 Max)	Amount Enclosed

Please Register as a Team or  
 Please Register individual (MFPC will arrange for partners)

To secure your spot in the tournament **full payment** is required by **June 30, 2008**

Fill in the information above and mail registration and payment to:  
Maine Forest Products Council, 535 Civic Center Dr, Augusta, ME 04330  
Fax (207) 626-3002 or call (207) 622-9288 or e-mail [adminassist@maineforest.org](mailto:adminassist@maineforest.org)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to guarantees, we are unable to offer refunds on no shows or cancellations after July 1, 2008, 5:00 pm”

### ALSO OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS

**Sponsorships  
Available  
contact Brian Flewelling  
(207)-764-9427**

If you have any items for the golfers goodie bags or raffle items, please contact Sue McCarthy 622-9288

## BANGOR MUNICIPAL 18 HOLE GOLF COURSE

**Calendar of Events**

**Classified Advertisements**

ADVERTISE WITH US!

Size:	Rate: (Member/Non)
Classified	\$ 20/35
Business Card	\$ 65/80
1/4 Page Display	\$110/135
1/2 Page Display	\$190/225
3/4 Page Display	\$250/300
Full Page Display	\$300/360

JUNE

12 Exec. Committee 9:00am – 12 noon Augusta, MFPC

JULY

10 Exec. Committee 9:00am – 12 noon Augusta, MFPC

10 Summer Golf Tournament 12:00 - Bangor

AUGUST

7 Exec. Committee 9:00am – 12 noon Augusta, MFPC

SEPTEMBER

21-22 Annual Meeting Sunday River

**The Maine Forest Products Council  
535 Civic Center Drive  
Augusta, Maine 04330**