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## Greetings from the President:

A proverb states "No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow." To prove this proverb, early brightly colored tulips, daffodils and jonquils did come up and were soon, it appeared, followed by the huge flowers filling rhododendrons (could any more beautiful blossoms be on those bushes?) and stately lupines pointing to the ever warming blue sky. Our gardens are once again rejuvenated from their winter dormancy and the palette of colors has been added to by the tempting offerings of our local nurseries and florists.

However, one thing our Maine winter freezes didn't chase away has been those pests that continually erode our property rights.

Even though during the past year, the global warming alarmist have been discredited by historical data, some of the anti-private property pests are still using the followers of global warming for their own agenda. Others are like moths flying from one flame to the next; flying from one trendy thing to the next trendy thing. Now the mantra of those moths eroding private property rights is "we must be prepared for extreme weather." They, like moths, choose not to learn from each defeating experience.

Why use an innocuous moth as an example you may ask? Harmless, they are not! Moths destroy fabric and one of the key threads in the fabric of our American society is private property. Within the privacy of our property we live, and rest, we nurture and raise our children and we work with our fellow citizens to create and maintain a safe and healthy community.

Another serious issue about these "moths" not learning, by destroying our communities' private properties, they will also destroy the sanctuaries of all marine and shoreland wild life. We all know how fragile and sensitive our local and migratory birds and animals are toward our presence. These envious moths coveting our lands have stated they will open our lands to the public which will destroy the fragile environment within which nature has flourished .

To further defeat the global warming alarmists and their minions, SOS Maine is very fortunate to have David Dilley come to our July 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. His presentation on his career of scientific atmospheric research will help us learn more facts about earth's weather oscillations. In this issue you will find more details about David Dilley's presentation.

Also, you will find articles on the passing of Alden Cheever and Parker Dwellley. Both were long time positive and constructive contributors to SOS Maine's Board and to our communities. They will be missed; but their examples of how to carry out the responsibilities of citizenship will always be with me.

Wishing you all fair winds, following seas and many more fun adventures here along the southwest coast of Maine, I remain,

*Mike Severance*

President  
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# ★ ANNUAL MEETING JULY 13th ★

This year's annual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 13th at St. Mary's Church on Eldredge Road in Wells. The program will include a presentation by David A. Dilley, President and Chief Research Scientist at Global Weather Oscillations, Inc. He has 40 years of meteorological and climatological experience in:

At GWO, Mr. Dilley performs ongoing climate cycle research, develops specific climate cycle models for generation of climate/weather predictions years into the future. These forecasts include but are not limited to regional hurricane and tropical storm force wind probabilities, El Niño forecasts, regional earthquake predictions for strong earthquakes, specific regional historical weather events, such as recurring regional floods of historical nature, climate change research and predictions and outlooks.

Prior to forming GWO in 1992, Mr. Dilley began his weather career as a U.S. Air Force meteorologist. After leaving the Air Force with the rank of Captain, Mr. Dilley joined the National Weather Service (NWS). Duties as a senior forecaster included preparing marine forecasts, aviation forecasts, general public forecasts, issuing weather warnings, monitoring severe weather events, and continuing to develop his ideas concerning mechanisms that control climate cycles. Other duties and assignments included; Quality Control Officer overseeing five National Weather Service Offices, and quality controlling meteorological programs at two Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) pilot weather briefing centers, and the meteorologists at the Northeast Region FAA Control Center. Mr. Dilley was also Meteorologist in Charge at the Trenton New Jersey NWS office, and worked closely with area Emergency Management offices during severe weather events, such as hurricanes and their impacts on the region, and spring flooding potentials.

Mr. Dilley formally began researching climate cycles while attending graduate school at Rutgers University in 1978, with full time research beginning in 1991. By 1992 Mr. Dilley identified the Primary Forcing Mechanism (PFM) that controls the approximate 3.5-year temperature cycles of sea surface temperatures in the tropical South Pacific Ocean. It quickly became apparent that the PFM forcing mechanism showed a near 100 percent correlation to the formation of El Niño's in the central South Pacific.

In 1992 Mr. Dilley formed Global Weather Oscillations, Inc. with the clear understanding that most weather and climate we experience on earth are cyclical in nature, and driven by this "Natural PFM" cycles. Continuing research over the next decade uncovered very high correlations between the PFM to historical regional floods, regional snowfall trends, and other climate cycles. In 2005 to early 2006, the "regional hurricane landfall" model was developed, in early 2008 the model for global warming was made public, and then developed our first regional earthquake model in 2011.

After Mr. Dilley's presentation, questions will be welcomed. We hope all S.O.S.-Maine members will plan on attending. Refreshments will be served.



## 2013 MAINE BEACHES

### CONFERENCE

Friday, July 12, 2013

Southern Maine Community College

South Portland, ME

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Register at:

<http://www.seagrant.umaine.edu/maine-beaches-conference/2013/registration>

## S.O.S-Maine Scholarships

Our organization supports local students with annual scholarships. This spring, the Robert Foley Community Service Scholarship was awarded to Wells High School senior **Emily Lewia**. She was chosen by SOS Scholarship Committee members who were impressed with her commitment to the community through her volunteer activities. She will be attending the University of Maine-Farmington in the fall, majoring in Education. In addition, two \$500 scholarships will be made to York County Community College students.

## In Memorium



### W. Parker Dwelley

It is with great sadness that we recognize the passing of W. Parker Dwelley of Goose Rocks Beach. Parker was an active member of the SOS Maine Board of Directors for five years. He was able to ask the important questions, and guide the Board in its decision-making. He was passionate about the rights of property owners and worked to educate others on the issues that were in the news regarding beachfront ecology. He will be greatly missed.



### Alden Cheever

S.O.S.-Maine has lost one of its founding member by the passing of Alden Cheever. Alden served as an original Board Member and was a long-time resident of Drakes Island. He was always eager to work with community leaders to improve the condition of our local beaches and coastal habitat. and was an important liaison with Laudholm Trust and the Wells Reserve.

# UPDATE ON COASTAL ISSUES

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

**FEMA FLOOD RE-MAPPING**- After months of anticipation Congress has sent FEMA back to the drawing board to rethink the re-mapping and re-pricing of FEMA Federal Flood Insurance. After Super Storm Sandy, FEMA felt a need to rush the remapping of several areas of the country, southern Maine being one of their top priorities.

Preliminary maps were presented to local officials as a first step in the review process. The maps took every official by surprise based on the enormous expansion of the flood zones in each of the towns and the increased elevations along much of the southern coast. If these maps were to become the "official" FEMA Flood maps, 60% more of the folks along the southern coast, and even parts inland, would be forced to purchase flood insurance if they carried a mortgage.

At the same time, FEMA was proposing doing away with the preferred pricing plans and increasing rates 35% in most of the flood zones. This was on top of increasing the rates on secondary residences by 25% last year. Many of the local officials contacted the congressional delegation concerned about the impact these proposals would have. Congress acted by pulling the plug on FEMA and requesting a re-evaluation of the entire FEMA Federal Flood program.

At this time everything is on hold but based on the financial deficits the flood program is currently experiencing, something is bound to happen and putting more people into the program seems to be their top priority! Stay tuned!

**BEACH RE-NOURISHMENT**- The sand is coming; the sand is coming! After 6 years of permitting and planning, Wells Harbor will finally be dredged this fall with 170,000 cubic yards of sand being placed on Wells Beach and Drakes Island Beach. The project is anticipated to start September 15 and last through November.

The membership of S.O.S.-Maine continues to grow, with over 350 dues-paying members on our mailing list who are receiving this newsletter. We will not be able to mail the newsletter to these individuals in the future, and ask that if you are interested in continuing to receive the newsletter, please become a member of S.O.S.-Maine. There is a membership form below, or you may visit the website [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 August.



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