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**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'
Special Meeting held
November 23, 2015
in the Commissioners' Conference Room
Machias, Maine**

**Attending the meeting were:
Commissioner John Crowley, Sr.
Commissioner Vinton Cassidy
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Carla Manchester, Administration
Heron Weston, U.T.
Julie Keene, Trescott
Adam Boutin, Trescott
Michael Kilby, Edmunds**

Commissioner Christopher Gardner was absent

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Commissioner Crowley opened the meeting by stating that the specific purpose of the meeting was to follow-up on the Edmunds Bay area over-crowding and safety issues in the Edmunds Bay U.T. territorial waters. Commissioner Crowley stated that consideration of resolution for a 180-day (6-month) moratorium of new moorings would give more time to figure out the best way to handle the situation.

***MOTION* Commissioner Crowley moved to discuss placing a moratorium of new mooring in U.T. territorial waters. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 2-0.**

Commissioner Cassidy requested County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald to read the proposed moratorium. (See attachment)

Commissioner Cassidy asked for any comments from the public.

Julie Keene identified herself as Harbor Master of Lubec. She reported that Lubec enacted a moratorium in the Lubec harbor for the same concerns as those faced in Edmunds Bay. Commissioner Crowley asked what repercussions Lubec has faced due to the moratorium. Julie

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informed the Commissioners that there have been lots of questions. She also stated that she believes that all of Washington County's harbors should be treated as one unit. Julie stated that she was in support of the moratorium.

***MOTION* Commissioner Crowley moved to adopt the Moratorium on New Moorings in Unorganized Territories territorial waters for a 6-month period beginning November 23, 2015. Commissioner Cassidy seconded the motion which passed 2-0.**

Six copies of the moratorium were signed.

Julie Keene stated that the general fishing community believes there is a need for a breakwater in Lubec. Commissioner Cassidy replied that the community will need to initiate the project but noted that the Commissioners would support the initiative.

Heron Weston reported he has completed the mooring field survey in preparation of the moratorium.

Adjournment 4:07 a.m.

**Attest: _____
Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.**