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Memo:

To: B. Day
 From: C. Peters
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After setting up tonight's meeting and being so personally interested and concerned with this matter I truly regret I can not attend this important meeting. In my absence, circulate or please make use of my efforts below as you see fit. I would wish we would all be so lucky for you all to resolve this matter tonight but I think I will have future opportunity to continue to be involved. Thanks much.

Understanding of Problem

Issues are stated in 3/29/95 and 6/16/95 letters from Stephen Howell, President of MAPSS, and relate to the question of what professional qualifications are necessary for individuals delineating wetland boundaries with the multiple parameters of vegetation, hydrology and soils in light of State of Maine definitions found in Title 32, Chapter 73, § 4902 relating to "pedology", "practice of soil science", and "qualified soil scientist". Steve Howell states in the latter letter and publicly that the impetus for MAPSS pressing for resolution of this matter is not an issue of "turf" but that instead it is based on the potential damage that may come to soil scientists as a whole in the State of Maine as a result of an individual or individuals lacking appropriate qualifications to delineate boundaries of wetlands in accordance with established criteria such as that found in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual.

MAWS Efforts to Date

The above issues were fundamental to organizational meetings of MAWS in September 1990 which occurred subsequent to a similar inquiry by MAPSS to the Board of Certification in March 1990 and replied to by the Board in late June of that year.

Other significant developments relative to certification of wetland scientists over the past 5 years are as follows:

- 6/4-8/90 SWS annual mtg re certification committee,
- 10/24/90 draft letter from MAWS to D. Witherill and ACOE re hydric soils,
- 5/91 working draft of SWS certification announced in Wetlands Bulletin,
- 12/92 C. Peters meets w/ Walter Anderson re Certification,
- 4/20/93 ACOE PN re WDCP Demonstration Projects,
- 6/16/93 Problem Soils field session w/ eve presentation by Marceau (MAWS-MAPSS interfacing),

