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TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Kathleen Leyden, Director, Maine Coastal Program

SUBJ: Notice of Requested Changes to the Core Laws of the Maine Coastal Program

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This notice is issued to inform the general public, affected persons, local governments, and State and federal agencies of approval by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency, Office of Coastal Resource Management (NOAA/OCRM) of routine program changes to the Maine Coastal Program. Approved by NOAA in 1978 as provided by the federal Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), the Maine Coastal Program is based on State environmental statutes and associated State agency rules that comprise the Programs' enforceable policies which are sometimes referred to as core laws.

The State Planning Office (SPO), as required by the CZMA, keeps the Maine Coastal Program up to date by periodically submitting for NOAA/OCRM review and approval amendments to the core laws. In January 2002, SPO submitted for NOAA/OCRM approval as enforceable policies of the Maine Coastal Program amendments to State environmental laws enacted during the 120th Maine Legislature, First Regular Session. On or about January 20, 2002, SPO published in the Maine Sunday Telegram and other newspapers of general circulation a notice outlining the proposed program changes. By letter dated February 13, 2002, NOAA/OCRM approved the following public laws as enforceable policies of the Maine Coastal Program: PL 2001 c. 302, sections 1-2; PL 2001 c. 216, sections 1-3; PL 2001 c. 356, sections 8-9; PL 2001 c. 315; PL 2001 c. 373; PL 2001 c. 247; PL 2001 c. 22; PL 2001 c. 230; PL 2001 c. 359; PL 2001 c. 64; PL 2001 c. 105; PL 2001 c. 231, sections 17-18. As of the date of publication of this notice, all of these approved core law changes are effective for federal consistency purposes.

For additional information about this notice or other aspects of the Maine Coastal Program, contact Todd Burrowes, Maine Coastal Program, 38 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333; (207) 287-3261.

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