

Notice of Proposed Routine Program Changes to the Maine Coastal Program

Under Section 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act ("CZMA"), the "federal consistency" provision, federal agencies have an obligation to conduct their activities consistently with the state environmental and land use statutes and rules ("core laws") which provide the enforceable policies of the Maine Coastal Program ("MCP"), Maine's federally-approved coastal zone management program. In accordance with 15 C.F.R. §923.84, the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Geology, Natural Areas and Coastal Resources ("DACF") is submitting to the federal National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management ("NOAA"), for its review and approval as enforceable policies and related program administration-related provisions of the MCP the following public laws enacted by the 126th Maine Legislature, Second Regular Session: Public Law 2013 Chapters: 453, sec. 1; 458, sec. 1; 462, sec. 13; 489, sec. 1; 523, sec. 3; 536, secs. 1-2; 570, sec. 1; and 588, sec. A-48. The above-noted laws amend and supplement provisions of the Natural Resources Protection Act, Shoreland Zoning Act, and water quality, and solid waste and oil spill clean-up-related laws which are among the MCP's core laws. These recently enacted public laws are available on-line at: [\[http://www.mainelegislature.org/ros/LOM/LOMDirectory.htm\]](http://www.mainelegislature.org/ros/LOM/LOMDirectory.htm). The submission also includes 38 M.R.S. §2101, a previously enacted law which is referenced in P.L. 2013 ch. 458, sec. 1. DACF has determined that these changes are routine program changes and has requested that NOAA concur with this determination.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A copy of the State's filing submitting these changes to NOAA is available for download at: [\[http://www.maine.gov/doc/nrimc/mcp/index.htm\]](http://www.maine.gov/doc/nrimc/mcp/index.htm). A hard copy may be obtained from Aline Smith, Maine Coastal Program, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Geology, Natural Areas and Coastal Resources, 93 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0038; tel: 207-287-2801; e-mail: Aline.Smith@maine.gov.

Interested parties have three weeks from the date of this notice to submit comments to NOAA on whether the requested changes are routine program implementation. Comments may be sent to:

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