

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, Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning ("DACF") is submitting to the federal National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office of Coastal 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 127th Maine Legislature, First Regular Session: Public Law 2015 Chapters: 11, §1; 12, §1; 28, §1; 34, §1; 66, §1; 75, §1; 80, §1; 83, §§1-5; 121, §§1-5; 124, §§2, 3, 4, and 8; 190, §§1-4; 201, §1; 264, §1-3; 265, §§1-6; 301, §40; 302, §1; 310, §1; 319, §§9-16 and 18-41; 329, §A-23; and 361, §1. 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). This submission also includes two previously-enacted provisions, 38 M.R.S. §342, sub-§11-B and 38 M.R.S. §342, sub-§11-C, which concern the duties of the commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection. In addition to the foregoing statutory provision, this submission includes the following administrative rules which implement approved core law authorities:

Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") rules chapter 355 (coastal sand dune management), as amended effective October 26, 2014; DEP rules chapter 500 (stormwater management), as amended effective August 12, 2015; DEP rules chapter 501 (stormwater management compensation fees and mitigation credit), as adopted effective January 13, 2015; and DEP rules chapter 1000 (shoreland zoning guidelines), as amended effective January 26, 2015. These rules, as amended, may be viewed on-line at: <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/06/chaps06.htm>

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>. A hard copy may be obtained from Aline Smith, Maine Coastal Program, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning/Maine Coastal Program, 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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