

PUBLIC NOTICE: APPROVAL OF ROUTINE PROGRAM CHANGES TO THE MAINE COASTAL PROGRAM

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 Administration, Office for Coastal Management (NOAA) 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 (MCP) is based on state environmental statutes and associated state agency rules, which are sometimes referred to as its core laws and provide the MCP's enforceable policies and program administration-related authorities. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning (DACF) keeps the MCP up-to-date by periodically submitting for NOAA's review and approval amendments to the core laws.

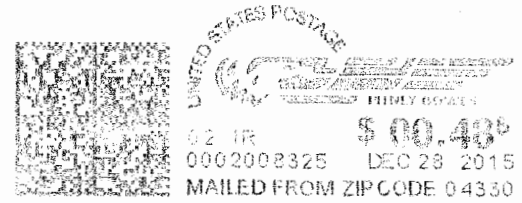
In September, 2015, DACF submitted for NOAA's approval as program administration-related authorities or enforceable policies of the MCP, as applicable, the following public law provisions enacted by the 127th Maine Legislature, First Regular Session: Public Law 2015 Chapters: 11, §1; 12, §1; 28, §1; 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 public laws are available on-line at:

[\[http://www.mainelegislature.org/ros/LOM/LOMDirectory.htm\]](http://www.mainelegislature.org/ros/LOM/LOMDirectory.htm). (Click the tab labelled "First Regular.") These public law provisions include amendments to the Natural Resources Protection Act, Shoreland Zoning Act, Site Location of Development Act, Maine Wind Energy Act, and Oil Discharge and Pollution Prevention Control Law, which are included among the MCP's core laws. This submission also included 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 (DEP). In addition to the foregoing statutory provisions, this submission included the following administrative rules which implement approved core law authorities:

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>. By letter dated December 21, 2015, NOAA approved each of the above-noted submissions as routine program changes. NOAA's approval letter and additional information about these routine program changes are available for download at the Maine Coastal Program's website (<http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mcp/index.htm>) These approved routine program changes are effective, if and as applicable, as enforceable policies for federal consistency purposes, as of December 23, 2015, when notice of their approval was posted on the MCP's website.

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