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 OFFICE OF OCEAN AND COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
 Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

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Kathleen Leyden
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RE: Routine Program Change: Updated and New Rules

Dear Ms. Leyden:

Thank you for your request for Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) approval to incorporate revisions to and additions of rules as part of the State's core authorities used to implement Maine's coastal management program. OCRM has reviewed all of the corresponding information and concurs that incorporation of these revisions into the State's program constitutes a routine program change and not an amendment.

Specifically, these new and revised rules improve the protection of significant wildlife habitat, improve protection of resources in the unorganized areas of the State, and provide more specificity to the Site Location and Development Law, among others. These new and revised enforceable policies are listed below:

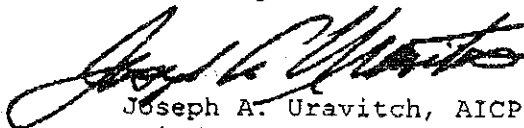
Department of Environmental Protection,
 Code of Maine Rules, Chapters 335, 374, 375, 378, 380

Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife,
 Code of Maine Rules, Chapters 10 and 8

Land Use Regulation Commission,
 Code of Maine Rules, Chapter 10

In accordance with NOAA regulations at 15 C.F.R. § 923.84 (b) (4) (C), Federal consistency will apply to these authorities after Maine publishes notice of our approval. If you have any questions, please contact the coastal management specialist, Joelle Gore, at (301) 713-3117, extension 177, or our Federal Consistency Coordinator, David Kaiser, at (301) 713-3098, extension 144.

Sincerely,


 Joseph A. Uravitch, AICP
 Chief, Coastal Programs

