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**2015-2016 Regulatory Agenda**

**Prepared:**

**February 24, 2016**

**01-001: Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources**

**01-015: Maine Milk Commission**

**01-017:** **Maine State Harness Racing Commission**

**01-026: Board of Pesticides Control**

**01-303: Pull Events Commission**

**01-669: Bureau of Forestry (Maine Forest Service)**

**01-670: Bureau of Parks and Lands**

**01-670: Off Road Recreational Vehicle Office**

**01-672: Maine Land Use Planning Commission**

**01-683**: **Land for Maine’s Future Program**

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**01-001**

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT: **01-001**

AGENCY NAME: **Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

**EXPECTED 2015-2016 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:**

**NEW RULE:**

**CHAPTER ?: Rules for Growing and Certifying Industrial Hemp**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §2231

PURPOSE: Develop rules for growing and certifying industrial hemp to implement the law passed during the 127th Maine Legislative session.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Potential hemp growers

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.

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**CHAPTER 30: Quarantine (Potato)**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 2301-2303

PURPOSE: May amend the quarantine against various potato pests to take into

consideration recent survey results on the distribution of such pests in the U.S.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Potato farmers, dealers, buyers, and shippers of imported seed.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.

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**CHAPTER 31: Rules for Operation of Potato Marketing Improvement Fund**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §12, 10 MRSA §1023-N

PURPOSE: Make changes to the rules governing the operation of the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Potato industry.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.

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**CHAPTER 36: Rules governing the Maine Farms for the Future Program**

Statutory Authority: Title 7, MRSA, Part 1: Chapter 10-B, §§ 317 - §320

Purpose: Make changes to rules for the Maine Farms for the Future Program to clarify eligibility, and make the program more accessible and transparent to potential applicants and better understood by agricultural service providers.

Schedule for Adoption: Prior to July 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: All persons eligible to apply for a business planning technical assistance and investment support grant through the program. Also all potential service providers to the farmers receiving grants from this program.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 37: Rules governing the Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program**

Statutory Authority: Title 7, MRSA, Part 1: Chapter 2-C, §60- §60A

Purpose: Make changes to rules that capture lessons learned by the Town of Winslow, to then assist other towns that are interested in voluntarily developing their own programs.

Schedule for Adoption: Prior to July 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: All organized towns in Maine, all farmers in towns that may elect to create Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Programs.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 201: Rules Governing Licensed Livestock Dealers**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §1303, §1307

PURPOSE: Rules governing livestock dealers

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Livestock owners and livestock dealers

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 203: Rules for the Participation in the Maine Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance Program**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §1821

PURPOSE: Rules governing the Maine Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance Program

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Deer and Elk Industry

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 204: Rule for the Licensing Requirements for Farmed Cervids**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §1821

PURPOSE: Rules governing the licensing requirements for farmed cervids

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Deer and Elk Industry

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 205: Rules Governing the Poultry Disease Control Fund**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §1756 -§1757

PURPOSE: Rules governing the poultry disease control fund

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Poultry farmers

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 206: Prevention and Control of Certain Diseases of Domestic Animals and Poultry**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §1752, §1812

PURPOSE: Rules governing the control of certain diseases of animals and poultry

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July 1, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Livestock and poultry industry

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 207: Control of Equine Infectious Anemia**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §1820-A

PURPOSE: Rules governing the management of equine infectious anemia

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Equine owners

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 208: Handling of Domestic Animal and Poultry Vaccines**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §1752

PURPOSE: Rules governing animal and poultry vaccine use

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Livestock and poultry industry

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 209: Livestock Commission or Community Auctions**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §1453

PURPOSE: Rules governing auctions

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Livestock auctions

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 220: Importation of Certain Deer into Maine**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §1331

PURPOSE: Rules governing the importation of deer into Maine

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Deer farmers and commercial large game shooting area operations

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 221: Cervids Importation Embargo**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §1331

PURPOSE: Rules governing the importation embargo of cervids into Maine

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Repeal by July, 2015

AFFECTED PARTIES: Deer farmers and commercial large game shooting area operations

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 226: Rules Governing the Administration of Certain Substances to Animals Entered in Pulling Competitions**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §97.5

PURPOSE: The Commissioner will continue to make minor corrections and modifications that are needed to meet the needs of the pulling industry.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: July 1, 2014 to October 1, 2015

AFFECTED PARITES: Pulling teamsters, pull superintendents and the Pull Events Commission

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 250: Rules for Certifying American Ginseng**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §2225

PURPOSE: May amend the fees for licensing ginseng growers.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Ginseng farmers, dealers, buyers, and shippers of imported seed

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.

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**CHAPTER 252: Rules Governing the Certification of Seed Potatoes in the State of Maine**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 2101-2105

PURPOSE: May amend the list of diseases included in the certification program based on survey.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Seed potato producers in Maine

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.

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**CHAPTER 253: Official Seed Potato Grade for Maine Certified Seed Potatoes**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 2101-2105

PURPOSE: May amend the current standards to meet the official description of the Maine Seed Potato Grade.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Seed potato producers in Maine

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.

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**CHAPTER 255: Imported Seed Potatoes**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 2101-2105

PURPOSE: May establish or amend standards required for the importation of seed potatoes for planting within Maine.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Potato farmers, dealers, buyers, and shippers of imported seed

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.
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**CHAPTER 257: Rules Governing the Establishment and Operation of Seed Potato Production Areas**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §2103-B

PURPOSE: May amend the current provisions relating to production practices and enforcement in a seed potato production area.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Seed potato producers in Maine

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.
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**CHAPTER 261: Field Seed Certification**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 2101-2104
PURPOSE: May amend the standards governing production, certification, testing, storing and preparation for sale of field seed to update and bring the rule into conformance with the Federal Seed Act.
SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Seed grain producers in Maine.
CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.

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**CHAPTER 267: License Fees to Sell Nursery Stock**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §2171

PURPOSE: May revise the fee for a license to sell or deal in nursery stock.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Nursery owners

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.

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**CHAPTER 268: Pine Shoot Beetle Quarantine**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 2301-2303

PURPOSE: May amend the quarantine against the Pine Shoot Beetle to include additional areas under quarantine.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Saw mills, nurseries, and the general public

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.

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**CHAPTER 270: Maine Apiary Rules and Regulations**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 2701-2872

PURPOSE: May amend the current apiary rules to clarify certain provisions relating to Africanized Honey bees and other honey bee diseases and parasites in Maine.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Beekeepers, blueberry and apple producers, and the

general public

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.
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**CHAPTER 271: Gypsy Moth Quarantine**STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 2301-2303

PURPOSE: May amend a quarantine against the Gypsy Moth to conform to the requirements of the federal Gypsy Moth quarantine.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Saw mills, nurseries, and the general public

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.
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**CHAPTER 272: European Larch Canker Quarantine**STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 2301-2303

PURPOSE: May amend a quarantine against the European Larch Canker to conform to the requirements of the federal European Larch Canker quarantine.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Saw mills, nurseries, and the general public

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.

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**CHAPTER 329: Rules Governing Maine Milk and Milk Products**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 2900-2910A., PL 1999

PURPOSE: Rules need revision to come into compliance with the 2011 U.S. FDA Pasteurized Milk Ordinance.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Dairy farmers and milk processors

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.

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**~~CHAPTER 360: Rules Governing Returnable Beverage Containers~~**

~~STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 33 MRSA §§ 1861 – 1872~~

~~PURPOSE: Incorporate new (2013) legislative changes including quantity measurement rules, clarification and updating of relevant sections, and reduction of fees for small producers.~~

~~SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016~~

~~AFFECTED PARTIES: Bottle manufacturers, distributors, dealers, initiators of deposit, contracted agents and redemption centers~~

~~CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not anticipated~~

**CHAPTER 345: Home Food Manufacturing**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 10 MRSA §2625, 22 MRSA §§ 2153, 2157.9B, 2168, 2169; 2176

PURPOSE: These rules should be updated to reflect current advancements in food science to better address food safety concerns in order to protect the public health.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Home food manufacturers and processors

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Contemplated.

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**CHAPTER 501: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LAW**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 10 MRSA §§ 2621-2631 Subchapter 7-A

PURPOSE: These rules and authorizing legislation should be updated to adopt Handbook 133 Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods now that it is no longer part of Handbook 130 and is in fact a stand-alone handbook.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Weights and Measures

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.

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**CHAPTER 701: Rules for Governing Animal Welfare**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §3906-B. Section 10

PURPOSE: To ensure that only healthy animals, including birds, are offered for sale or adoption and that all animals, within the scope of the Commissioner's authority, shall receive proper care, housing facilities, disease control, records of sales and purchases, euthanasia records and licenses will be monitored by Animal Welfare.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Pet Stores, Breeding Kennels; Boarding Kennels; Equine Owners, Animal Shelters, Animal Control Officers

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 702: Rules for the Low Income Spay/Neuter Program**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §3910-B

PURPOSE: To implement a low-income spay/neuter program for cats and dogs, to establish eligibility requirements, veterinarian reimbursement and program administration.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Low income pet owners and participating veterinarians

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 751: Rules Governing Arborist Licensing, Testing and Enforcement in the State of Maine**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §404, §§ 2173-2191

PURPOSE: May need to amend the current requirements adopted in 2006 to clarify certain provisions relating to the licensing of arborists in the State of Maine.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Individuals currently licensed or wishing to become licensed as arborists in the State of Maine

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.

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**NEW RULE CHAPTER (# to be assigned): Rules Governing the Maine Cattle Health Assurance** **Program**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §1309

PURPOSE: Rules governing the Maine Cattle Health Assurance Program

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Livestock industry

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**NEW RULE CHAPTER (# to be assigned): Non-released Potato Varieties**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §2103-A

PURPOSE: May need to establish procedures to ensure that seed potato growers who are certifying non-released potato varieties have been authorized to do so.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Seed potato growers who produce non-released potato varieties and potato breeders

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Contemplated.

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**NEW RULE CHAPTER (# to be assigned): Designation of Potato Pests and Diseases; Seizure, Destruction, Disinfection**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 2351-2352

PURPOSE: May need to designate those potato pests and diseases which pose a threat to the Maine potato industry; provide for the control and eradication of such pests and diseases; and provide for the disinfection of any vehicles to prevent the spread of such pests and diseases.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Potato farmers in Maine

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.

CONTACT PERSON: Ann Gibbs, 28 SHS, Augusta, Maine 04333, (207) 287-7602, ann.gibbs@maine.gov

**NEW RULE CHAPTER (# to be assigned): Veterinarian/Animal Shelter Serving as Dog Licensing Agent**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MSRA §3923-F.

PURPOSE: rules providing a process for identifying animal shelters and veterinarians who are willing to serve as dog licensing agents, for distributing license blanks, tags and stickers, and for the collection, distribution and deposit of license fees into the appropriate state accounts.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Animal Shelters, Veterinarians, Municipal Offices

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated.

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**01-015**

AGENCY UMBRELLA - UNIT NUMBER: **01-015**

AGENCY NAME: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, **Maine Milk Commission**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA**:

**Chapter 3**, Schedule of Minimum Prices monthly

**EXPECTED 2015-2016 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITIES:**

**CHAPTER 1: Interstate Conference and Compacts**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 2952-A through 2954

PURPOSE: Enter into agreements with other Northeastern states for special conferences and or compacts for regulation of the dairy industry.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to October 1, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Any or all segments of the dairy industry

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 2: Hearing Procedures**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 2952-A through 2954

PURPOSE: Amend present rules to reflect changing industry standards, new APA requirements, and/or to upgrade and modernize past practices.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to October 1, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Commission, intervenors and industry

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 5: Milk Commission Monthly Forms**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 2952-A-2954

PURPOSE: Adopt regular reporting forms to meet needs of Commission and Milk Pool.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to October 1, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Farmers, dealers and retailers

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 6: Inspection of Records, Books and Accounts**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 2952-A through 2954

PURPOSE: Adopt or amend rule to inspect industry records, books, accounts and any matter relating to the dairy industry and the setting of minimum prices.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to October 1, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Farmers, dealers and retailers

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 11 and 25: Hauling and Transportation Costs**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 2952-A through 2954

PURPOSE: Set minimums/maximums on hauling and transportation cost.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to October 1, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Farmers, dealers, retailers, and consumers

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 26:** Producer Cost

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 2953-2954

PURPOSE: Set minimum producer price based on Federal order and actual cost of production.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: Prior to October 1, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Producers, dealers, retailers and consumers

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 13 and 27: Retail Margins**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 2952-A through 2954

PURPOSE: Set new minimum retail margins according to cost study and hearing testimony.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to October 1, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Retailers and consumers

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 29: Dealer Margins**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 2952-A through 2954

PURPOSE: Set new minimum dealer margins based on latest cost study and public hearings and testimony.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to October 1, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Dealers and consumers

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 61: Maine Milk Pool Cost of Administration**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 2952-A through 2954 and 3154

PURPOSE: Set new cost of administration of Maine Milk Pool after public hearings and testimony.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to October 1, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Processors and producers

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**01-017**

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT: **01-017**

AGENCY NAME: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, **Maine State Harness Racing Commission**

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EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA: None

**EXPECTED 2015-2016 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY**:

**CHAPTERS 1 through 21 and/or New Rule: Various Titles**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 8 MRSA §§ 263-A; 268, 275-C, 279-A and B, 281

PURPOSE: The Maine State Harness Racing Commission will continue to update its rules to meet the needs of an ever-changing industry.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to October 1, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Harness horse licensees, track owners and operators, pari-mutuel wagering facilities and those affiliated with the harness racing industry

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated

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**01-026**

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT: **01-026**

AGENCY NAME: **Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control**

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RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:

**CHAPTER 20: Special Provisions**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRSA §1471A-X

PURPOSE: Added a requirement for applicators making outdoor treatments to residential properties to implement a system to positively identify application sites in a manner approved by the Board. This requirement has been in policy for several years.

DATE OF ADOPTION: October 24, 2014.

**CHAPTER 22: Standards for Outdoor Application of Pesticides by Powered Equipment in Order to Minimize Off-Target Deposition**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 601-625 and 22 MRSA §1471A-X

PURPOSE: Eliminated the requirement of identifying sensitive areas for commercial applications conducted under categories 6A (rights-of-way vegetation management), 6B (industrial/commercial/municipal vegetation management) and 7E (biting fly & other arthropod vectors [ticks]).

DATE OF ADOPTION: 2015 Resolve Chapter 5 became law without the Governor’s signature. The Board voted to adopt at the April 24, 2015 Board meeting.

**CHAPTER 28: Notification Provisions for Outdoor Pesticide Applications**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRSA §§ 1471-M (2)(D)

PURPOSE: Added to the list of categories that require posting: 6B (industrial/commercial/municipal vegetation management) except when making applications to sidewalks and trails, power substations, and railroad sidings; and 7E (biting fly & other arthropod vectors [ticks]). Requires notice per Board policy for applications to sidewalks and trails under 6B (industrial/commercial/municipal vegetation management).

DATE OF ADOPTION: 2015 Resolve Chapter 6 became law without the Governor’s signature. The Board voted to adopt at the April 24, 2015 Board meeting.

**CHAPTER 31: Certification and Licensing Provisions for Commercial Applicators**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 2 MRSA §§ 1471-D and S

PURPOSE: Three amendments: 1. Clarified that certain applications are exempt from commercial licensing requirements. These were in policy: Adults applying repellents to children with the written consent of parents/guardians; Persons installing antimicrobial metal hardware. 2. Exempted aerial applicators certified in other states from passing a written regulation exam and allow for issuance of reciprocal licensing when the staff determines that an urgent pest issue exists and when staff verbally reviews pertinent Maine laws with the applicator. 3. Shortened the time period a person must wait before re-taking an exam they have failed to 6 days.

DATE OF ADOPTION: October 24, 2014.

**CHAPTER 32: Certification and Licensing Provisions for Private Applicators**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 2 MRSA §§ 1471-D and S

PURPOSE: Shortened the time period a person must wait before re-taking an exam they have failed to 6 days.

DATE OF ADOPTION: October 24, 2014.

**CHAPTER 33: Certification Provisions/Private Applicators of General Use Pesticides**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 2 MRSA §§ 1471-D (2-D), 22 MRSA §1471-M (1) (C-1)

PURPOSE: Shortened the time period a person must wait before re-taking an exam they have failed to 6 days.

DATE OF ADOPTION: October 24, 2014.

**CHAPTER 41: Special Restrictions**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 601-625 and 22 MRSA §1471A-X

PURPOSE: Eliminated the restrictions on hexazinone relative to pesticide distributors and air-assisted application equipment.

DATE OF ADOPTION: October 24, 2014.

**RULES CURRENTLY IN THE RULE-MAKING PROCESS (Public Hearing July 10, 2015/Written Comments accepted until July 24, 2015)**

**CHAPTER 31: Certification and Licensing Provisions for Commercial Applicators**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 2 MRSA §§ 1471-D and S

PURPOSE: 1) Change the license period from two years to three; change the certification period from six years to three and align the licensing and certification periods. 2) Amend the description of Category 6B to clarify what types of applications are included. 3) Change the requirement for passing both the core and category exams within one year of each other to within five years. 4) Clarify that certified or licensed wastewater or drinking water operators are exempt from licensing only while applying pesticides to the wastewater or drinking water and not while performing other duties such as weed management.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: August 28, 2015

AFFECTED PARTIES: All persons already licensed, or attempting to become licensed, by the Board as commercial applicators.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

CONTACT PERSON: Henry S. Jennings, 28 SHS, Augusta, Maine 04333 (207) 287-2731 henry.jennings@maine.gov

**CHAPTER 34: Certification and Licensing Provisions for Pesticide Dealers**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 2 MRSA §§ 1471-D and S

PURPOSE: 1) Shorten the time period a person must wait before re-taking an exam they have failed to align with other licensing rules. 2)Change the license period from one year to three; change the certification period from five years to three and align the licensing and certification periods.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: August 28, 2015

AFFECTED PARTIES: All persons already licensed, or attempting to become licensed, by the Board as pesticide dealers.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

CONTACT PERSON: Henry S. Jennings, 28 SHS, Augusta, Maine 04333 (207) 287-2731 henry.jennings@maine.gov

**CHAPTERS 35: Certification and Licensing Provisions for Spray Contracting Firms**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 2 MRSA §1471-D

PURPOSE: 1) Remove the requirements for spotters and monitors for forest insect aerial spray programs. 2) Change the license period from two years to three.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: August 28, 2015

AFFECTED PARTIES: All persons licensed by the Board as Spray Contracting Firms.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**EXPECTED 2015-2016 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY**:

**CHAPTER 10: Definitions and Terms**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRSA §1471A-X

PURPOSE: In 1996, the Board consolidated all rule definitions in this Chapter. This chapter must be updated each time a new definition is added or amended. It received a series of housekeeping amendments in January 2005 and in 2012. Issues raised during discussions in 2012 indicate that there are a couple of definitions which still need to be refined.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to September 30, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: All individuals and businesses affected by the Board’s rules.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 20: Special Provisions**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRSA §1471A-X

PURPOSE: In 2007, the Board amended Chapter 20 to clarify that authorization from the property owner is required prior to applying a pesticide. The Board passed an amendment in 2013 to eliminate the need for individual homeowner permission in the event of a public health threat. In 2014, a requirement was added for applicators making outdoor treatments to residential properties to implement a system to positively identify application sites in a manner approved by the Board. The Board may develop specific duties that an employer must perform to protect their employees from occupational exposure to pesticides. These amendments may be modeled on the 1992 Federal Worker Protection Standard. In addition, Chapter 20 is a key chapter for the Board when it determines that additional regulation is in the public interest, so other amendments are also possible.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to September 30, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicators making outdoor treatments to residential properties; since this is already required by policy, there will be no real affect.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 22: Standards for Outdoor Application of Pesticides by Powered Equipment in Order to Minimize Off-Target Deposition**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 601-625 and 22 MRSA §1471A-X

PURPOSE: Aerial spraying is a very controversial issue and the Board completed a major overhaul of this chapter in 2009 to provide greater protection for area residents. In 2013 the Board passed amendments to exempt the sections concerning Identifying and Recording Sensitive Areas, Presence of Humans and Animals, and certain specifics of Site Plans in the event of a public health threat. In 2014, the requirement of identifying sensitive areas was eliminated for commercial applications conducted under categories 6A (rights-of-way vegetation management), 6B (industrial/commercial/municipal vegetation management) and 7E (biting fly & other arthropod vectors [ticks]). Further experience with the revised rule may reveal the need to make additional modifications.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to September 30, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: All applicators making outdoor applications with powered application equipment.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 24: Pesticide Storage Facility Standards/Pesticide Distributors**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRSA §1471-O and 7 MRSA §610(2)(B)

PURPOSE: The Board has received letters expressing concern that odors and spilled chemicals may represent a health risk for both employees and customers who enter the self-service display areas of general-use pesticide distributors. In addition, inequities have been noted between the requirements for agricultural distributors versus the requirements for warehouse-style retailers. Finally, a few provisions are somewhat vague and would benefit from additional clarity. Consequently, the Board may adjust these standards to address concerns.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to September 30, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Pesticide retailers.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 26: Standards for Indoor Application of Pesticides**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRSA §§ 1471A-X and 7 MRSA §§ 601-625

PURPOSE: The Board adopted this chapter during 2006 and it became effective in January of 2007. An amendment was made during 2007 to address concerns raised by structural applicators. Questions about the scope of this rule arose during 2011. Further refining may be necessary for this rule.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to September 30, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: All structural pest control applicators, owners or managers of businesses, institutions and apartment houses, as well as interested members of the general public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated

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**CHAPTER 27: Standards for Pesticide Applications and Public Notification in Schools**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRSA §1471A-X and 7 MRSA §§ 601-625

PURPOSE: The Board adopted this rule in 2003 and made some housekeeping amendments to it during 2005, 2007 and 2012. Since use of pesticides on school grounds continues to garner legislative and public attention, further amendments may be necessary in the future.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to September 30, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: All public and private school systems as well as commercial applicators and all persons using school buildings and grounds.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated

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**CHAPTER 28: Notification Provisions for Outdoor Pesticide Applications**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRSA §1471-M (2)(D)

PURPOSE: This rule was adopted in 1998 and slightly amended in 2000, 2007, 2011 and 2014. It contains all of the Board outdoor notification requirements. In 2014, it was amended to require posting for applications under categories 6B (general vegetation management) except when making applications to sidewalks and trails, power substations, and railroad sidings; and 7E (biting fly & other arthropod vectors [ticks]) and to require notice per Board policy for applications to sidewalks and trails under 6B (general vegetation management). The Maine Legislature recently enacted and subsequently repealed a pesticide notification registry. There is some sentiment indicating that additional legislative initiatives may be forthcoming on this subject, which would likely necessitate rulemaking. This chapter also needs some updating to reflect the evolution of its usage.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to September 30, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Pesticide applicators and persons who live near sprayed sites. Persons who believe they are sensitive to pesticides. Regulated parties include all commercial pesticide applicators, the landowners who hire them and anyone who applies pesticides outdoors in the vicinity of persons on the registry.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 29. Standards for Water Quality Protection**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRSA §1471-M(2)(D)

PURPOSE: A recent federal court decision now requires applicators to work under a Maine Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit for certain outdoor pesticide applications that have the potential for a portion of the spray to deposit in surface water, so Chapter 29 may need to be amended to address this change. In addition, the Board may look to exempt certain urgent applications from the 25-foot buffer requirement. Recently, concerns have arisen relative to pesticides and the marine environment. Finally, water quality has emerged as one of the more significant environmental fate concerns with pesticides. All of these issues suggest a possible need to amend this chapter.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to September 30, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Pesticide manufacturers, outdoor applicators, persons owning land next to surface water bodies and environmental groups

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 31: Certification and Licensing Provisions for Commercial Applicators**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 2 MRSA §§ 1471-D and S

PURPOSE: The Board amended this chapter during 2007 and 2014, but may find it necessary to revise this regulation again to accommodate new licensing software, streamline processes or deregulate certain types of pesticide applications. Several amendments (see above) are currently under consideration.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to September 30, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: All persons licensed by the Board

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 32: Certification and Licensing Provisions for Private Applicators**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 2 MRSA §§ 1471-D and S

PURPOSE: The Board may amend any of its current regulations dealing with the examination, certification, licensing and relicensing of private applicators to accommodate new licensing software, streamline procedures and/or adjust the fees. An amendment to reduce the waiting time for re-taking a failed exam was passed in 2014.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to September 30, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: All persons licensed by the Board

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 33: Certification Provisions/Private Applicators of General Use Pesticides**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 2 MRSA §§ 1471-D (2-D), 22 MRSA §1471-M (1) (C-1)

PURPOSE: This new rule was recently adopted to fulfill the requirements of Public Law 2011, Chapter 169 which requires pesticide applicator licensing for certain farmers who apply only general use pesticides. Since it is a newly adopted rule, experience may reveal some desirable upgrades. In addition, the potential for new licensing software may also necessitate changes. An amendment to reduce the waiting time for re-taking a failed exam was passed in 2014.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to September 30, 2016

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 34: Certification and Licensing Provisions for Pesticide Dealers**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 2 MRSA §§ 1471-D and S

PURPOSE: The Board may amend its current regulation to require pesticide dealers to have a company license in addition to having their employees licensed. Also, the license fee is outdated. Other changes may be necessary as the Board reviews all the licensing chapters with a view toward streamlining and simplifying procedures.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to September 30, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Pesticide distributors

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 35: Certification and Licensing Provisions for Spray Contracting Firms**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 2 MRSA §§ 1471-D and S

PURPOSE: The Board may amend this chapter dealing licensing and relicensing of firms to accommodate new licensing software, streamline procedures and/or adjust the fees.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to September 30, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: All persons licensed by the Board

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 36: Certification and Licensing Provisions for Monitors and Spotters for Forest Insect Aerial Spray Program**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 2 MRSA §§ 1471-D and S

PURPOSE: Due to changes in statute, this chapter will need to be repealed.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to September 30, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: All persons licensed by the Board

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

CONTACT PERSON: Henry S. Jennings, 28 SHS, Augusta, Maine 04333 (207) 287-2731 henry.jennings@maine.gov

**CHAPTER 40: State Restricted Pesticide List**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 601-625 and 22 MRSA §1471A-X

PURPOSE: The Board amended this chapter in 2007 and may update its Restricted Use List by deleting products that are no longer registered. Also, it may be necessary to modify the list as a result of the Board’s registration review process which may necessitate adding any products which present a unique threat to Maine’s public health or the environment.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to September 30, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Pesticide manufacturers, pesticide applicators and environmental groups interested in pesticide issues

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 41: Special Restrictions**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §§ 601-625 and 22 MRSA §§ 1471A-X

PURPOSE: The Board amended this chapter in 2011 to relax some administrative burdens for the use of *Bt* corn seed, and in 2014 to reduce the restrictions on the use of hexazinone. This is a key chapter for the Board to implement appropriate restrictions associated with certain pesticides or classes of pesticides that pose unique risks to Maine. There have been significant changes to this chapter in the last five years, and additional amendments are likely in the future.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to September 30, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: All applicators and environmental groups

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 50: Reporting Requirements for Applicators and Dealers**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRSA §§ 1471-G and M

PURPOSE: The Board adopted several housekeeping amendments to this chapter in January 2005. Recent changes to Chapters 22, 27 and 41 have created additional record keeping requirements that might be more appropriately incorporated in Chapter 50. Current rulemaking around the licensing chapters may also necessitate changes to record keeping requirements.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to September 30, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: All private and commercial applicators, dealers and consumer or environmental groups

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 51: Notice of Aerial Pesticide Applications**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRSA §1471-R

PURPOSE: Legislative activity around pesticide notification may necessitate amendments to this chapter.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to September 30, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Aerial applicators, paper companies, utility officials, and environmental groups

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 60. Designation of Critical Pesticide Control Area**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRSA §1471 - M (4)

PURPOSE: Upon receipt of a petition, the Board would be required to consider rulemaking to restrict pesticide usage within a designated area to protect public health, threatened or endangered species or their habitat, surface or ground water, or other environmental resources. During 2011, the Board repealed one of the two designated critical control areas since the subject of protected area no longer existed.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to September 30, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Persons living within the requested area and all applicators wishing to do business within the designated zone

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: The Board engaged in consensus-based rule development the last time a request was received and would likely try it again.

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**NEW RULE CHAPTER (# to be assigned): Pesticide Use Reduction**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 MRSA §§ 1471A-X and 7 MRSA §§ 601-625

PURPOSE: The Board is continuing to investigate ways to implement the 1997 state policy to minimize reliance on pesticides. The Board may be asked to adopt standards to expand integrated pest management (IPM) practices, certify practitioners of IPM, or implement provisions around sustainable practices and/or an IPM certification. Finally, the Board’s product registration procedures and policies are very outdated and need to be updated.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to September 30, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: All pesticide applicators and dealers, as well as interested members of the general public

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Contemplated

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**01-058**

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **01-058**

AGENCY NAME: **Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry (aka Maine Forest Service)**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

**EXPECTED 2015-2016 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:**

**CHAPTER 27: Standards for Timber Harvesting Activities within Unorganized and De-organized Areas of the State**

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. Chapter 206-A, Subchapter 2 and Chapter 805, Subchapter 3-A; Public Law 2011, Chapter 599.

PURPOSE: Amend current rule to establish streamlined permit procedures for proposed timber harvesting activities in certain protection sub-districts within the unorganized and de-organized areas of the state.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: The rulemaking process will begin in fall 2015. Final rules are anticipated by summer 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Forest landowners and managers

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

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**CHAPTER 28: Regulation of the Transportation of Firewood**

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §8305; Public Law 2009, Chapter 585.

PURPOSE: Regulate the transportation and movement of firewood into and within the state to reduce the risk of spreading invasive insect species.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: The rulemaking process will begin in fall 2015. Final rules are anticipated by spring 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Campers, firewood dealers

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

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**CHAPTER 30: Requirements for Prior Approval of Timber Harvesting by Prior Violators of Unlawful Cutting Law**

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §8869-A; Public Law 2013, Chapter 412.

PURPOSE: To establish a prior approval process for harvesting trees by a person that has committed two violations of unlawful cutting of trees pursuant to Title 17, section 2510, subsection 1.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: The rulemaking process began in July 2015. Provisionally adopted rules are anticipated by fall 2015 and will be submitted for legislative review during the second regular session of the 127th Legislature.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Loggers and forest landowners

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

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**CHAPTER 31: Quarantine and Destruction of Forest and Shade Tree Pest Host Material**

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §8306; Public Law 2001, Chapter 547; Public Law 2011, Chapter 657.

PURPOSE: To develop rules authorizing the Maine Forest Service to quarantine and destroy forest and shade tree pest host material.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: The rulemaking process will begin in fall 2015. Final rules are anticipated by spring 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Forest landowners and shade tree owners

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

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**CHAPTER 32: Spruce Budworm Management**

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §8002(2), 12 M.R.S. Chapter 803, Subchapter 4-A, and 12 M.R.S. Chapter 805, Subchapter 3-A.

PURPOSE: To establish timber harvesting standards for forest areas that have significant risk of damage from spruce budworm and are subject to a credible threat of imminent spruce budworm damage.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: The rulemaking process will begin in spring 2016. Final rules are anticipated by January 2017.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Forest landowners

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated.

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**01-059**

AGENCY UMBRELLA - UNIT NUMBER: **01-059**

AGENCY NAME: **Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA**: None

**EXPECTED 2015-2016 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:**

AGENCY UMBRELLA – UNIT NUMBER: **01-059**

AGENCY NAME: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands, **Allagash Wilderness Waterway**

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**CHAPTER 2: Rules and Regulations for the Penobscot River Corridor**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRSA, Chapter 220 §1803, 1. A.

PURPOSE: Change fees. General Rule 1. Fees to resident - $6.00 per person, per night; non-resident - $12.00 per person, per night, Children under 10 free

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: The rule making process will begin in the fall of 2015 anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Campers on Penobscot River Corridor

CONCENSUS –BASED RULE DEVELPOMENT: Contemplated

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**CHAPTER 2: Rules for Recreational Use of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRSA, Chapter 220 §1803, 2.15

PURPOSE: To add the trail to the locomotives, T8 R13; to the list of authorized foot trails.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: The rule making process will begin in the fall of 2015 anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Canoeists, fishermen, hikers, and the general public

CONCENSUS –BASED RULE DEVELPOMENT: Contemplated

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**CHAPTER 2: Rules for Recreational Use of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRSA, Chapter 220 §1803, 2.13

PURPOSE: To add Webster Lake Inlet, T6 R11; to the list of authorized landing locations.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: The rule making process will begin in the fall of 2015 anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Canoeists, fishermen, pilots, and the general public

CONCENSUS –BASED RULE DEVELPOMENT: Contemplated

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**CHAPTER 2: Rules for Recreational Use of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRSA, Chapter 220 §1803, 2.13

PURPOSE: Delete Telos Landing, T5 R11; from the list of authorized aircraft landing locations.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: The rule making process will begin in the fall of 2015 anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Canoeists, fishermen, pilots, and the general public

CONCENSUS –BASED RULE DEVELPOMENT: Contemplated

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**CHAPTER 2: Rules for Recreational Use of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRSA, Chapter 220 §1803, 2.12

PURPOSE: To add the Russell Cove, T8 R13; to the list of authorized snowmobile access points.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: The rule making process will begin in the fall of 2015 anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Snowmobilers, fishermen, and the general public

CONCENSUS –BASED RULE DEVELPOMENT: Contemplated

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**CHAPTER 2: Rules for Recreational Use of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRSA, Chapter 220 §1803, 2.12

PURPOSE: To add the Woodman Cove, T7 R12; to the list of authorized snowmobile access points.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: The rule making process will begin in the fall of 2015 anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Snowmobilers, fishermen, and the general public

CONCENSUS –BASED RULE DEVELPOMENT: Contemplated

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**CHAPTER 2: Rules for Recreational Use of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRSA, Chapter 220 §1803, 2.12

PURPOSE: To add the Chamberlain Farm, T7 R12; to the list of authorized snowmobile access points.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: The rule making process will begin in the fall of 2015 anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Snowmobilers, fishermen, and the general public

CONCENSUS –BASED RULE DEVELPOMENT: Contemplated

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**CHAPTER 2: Rules for Recreational Use of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRSA, Chapter 220 §1803, 2.12

PURPOSE: To add the Drake Brook Camp, T11 R13; to the list of authorized snowmobile access points.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: The rule making process will begin in the fall of 2015 anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Snowmobilers, fishermen, and the general public

CONCENSUS –BASED RULE DEVELPOMENT: Contemplated

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**CHAPTER 2: Rules for Recreational Use of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRSA, Chapter 220 §1803, 2.12

PURPOSE: Delete Island Road, T7 R14; from the list of authorized snowmobile access points.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: The rule making process will begin in the fall of 2015 anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Snowmobilers, fishermen, and the general public

CONCENSUS –BASED RULE DEVELPOMENT: Contemplated

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**CHAPTER 2: Rules for Recreational Use of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRSA, Chapter 220 §1803, 2.12

PURPOSE: Delete Ledge Campsite, T8 R14; from the list of authorized snowmobile access points.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: The rule making process will begin in the fall of 2015 anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Snowmobilers, fishermen, and the general public

CONCENSUS –BASED RULE DEVELPOMENT: Contemplated

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**CHAPTER 2: Rules for Recreational Use of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRSA, Chapter 220 §1803, 2.12

PURPOSE: Delete Allagash Lake Carry Trail, T7 R14; from the list of authorized snowmobile access points.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: The rule making process will begin in the fall of 2015 anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Snowmobilers, fishermen, and the general public

CONCENSUS –BASED RULE DEVELPOMENT: Contemplated

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**CHAPTER 2: Rules for Recreational Use of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRSA, Chapter 220 §1803, 2.12

PURPOSE: Delete Reality Road, T11 R13; from the list of authorized snowmobile access points.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: The rule making process will begin in the fall of 2015 anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Snowmobilers, fishermen, and the general public

CONCENSUS –BASED RULE DEVELPOMENT: Contemplated

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**CHAPTER 2: Rules for Allagash Wilderness Waterway: (Foot trails)**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRSA §1803(6)

PURPOSE: To add and delete authorized foot trails to and from the watercourse from the current rules. Add the following trails: The Sandy Point Trail (T11 R13), The Ice Caves Trail from Allagash Lake, Portage trail from Telos Dam to Webster Lake. Delete the Priestly Mountain Trail. These changes adopted in the updated Allagash Wilderness Waterway management plan.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Visitors using the Allagash Wilderness Waterway

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 53: Submerged Land Rules**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRSA §§ 1801, 1803, and 1862

PURPOSE: These rules need to be amended to establish an annual rent fee schedule for renewable ocean energy projects located in state waters.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Prior to July, 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Potential renewable ocean energy project developers and other users of coastal waters and public submerged lands

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**01-303**

AGENCY UMBRELLA - UNIT NUMBER: **01-303**

AGENCY NAME: **Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Pull Events Commission**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA**: None

**EXPECTED 2015-2016 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITIES:**

**CHAPTER 15: Rules for Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Pull Events**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 7 MRSA §97.5 and §98

PURPOSE: The Pull Events Commission will continue to make minor corrections and modifications that are needed to meet the needs of the pulling industry.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: July 1, 2015 to October 1, 2016

AFFECTED PARTIES: Pulling teamsters, pull superintendents, and licensed venues that conduct pulling competitions

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated

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**01-670**

AGENCY UMBRELLA – UNITNUMBER**: 01-670**

AGENCY NAME: **Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Off Road Recreational Vehicle Office**

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**CHAPTER 7: Rules for Snowmobile Program**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRSA, Chapter 220 §1804, paragraph 6

PURPOSE: Establish the Bureau’s Grants-in-Aid Program, identify the procedures for making grants-in-aid to political subdivisions for the construction and/or maintenance of snowmobile trails.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: The rule making process will begin in the fall of 2015 anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Snowmobile clubs and political subdivisions

CONCENSUS –BASED RULE DEVELPOMENT: Contemplated

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**CHAPTER 8: Rules for Snowmobile Club Trail Maintenance Grant-In-Aid Program**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRSA, Chapter 220 §1804, paragraph 6

PURPOSE: Establish the Bureau’s process that qualified snowmobile clubs use to apply for grants, and the terms and the conditions of these grants.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: The rule making process will begin in the fall of 2015 anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Snowmobile clubs and political subdivisions

CONCENSUS –BASED RULE DEVELPOMENT: Contemplated

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**CHAPTER 9: Rules for Capital Equipment Grant In Aid Program**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRSA, Chapter 220 §1804, paragraph 6

PURPOSE: Establish the Bureau’s process to award qualified snowmobile clubs or political subdivisions grants to purchase trail-grooming equipment to maintain snowmobile trails.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: The rule making process will begin in the fall of 2015 anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Snowmobile clubs and political subdivisions

CONCENSUS –BASED RULE DEVELPOMENT: Contemplated

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**CHAPTER 18: ATV Municipal Grant-In-Aid Program**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRSA, Chapter 220 §1804, paragraph 6

PURPOSE: Establish the Bureau’s Grant-in-Aid program, identify the procedures for making grants-in-aid to political subdivisions for the construction and/or maintenance of ATV trails.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: The rule making process will begin in the fall of 2015 anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: ATV clubs and political subdivisions

CONCENSUS –BASED RULE DEVELPOMENT: Contemplated

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**CHAPTER 160: Rules for ATV Club Trail Maintenance Grant-In-Aid Program**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 MRSA, Chapter 220 §1804, paragraph 6

PURPOSE: Establish the Bureau’s process that All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Clubs use to apply for a grant to construct and maintain trails open for public use.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE: The rule making process will begin in the fall of 2015 anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: ATV Clubs

CONCENSUS –BASED RULE DEVELPOMENT: Contemplated

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**01-672**

AGENCY UMBRELLA - UNIT NUMBER: **01-672**

AGENCY NAME: **Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Land Use Planning Commission**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

**EXPECTED 2015-2016 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:**

**CHAPTER 1: General Provisions**

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 MRSA §685-B(2) and §685-C(3)

PURPOSE: The Commission’s fees have not been amended in some time and may need to be changed to align with recent changes in permit and rezoning requirements.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: If needed, issue proposed amendments by May 2016; adopt amendments by September 2016; submit for legislative review during January 2017.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Landowners and others who hold interests in lands within the unorganized and de-organized areas of the state and interested members of the public

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 4: Rules of Practice**

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 MRSA §684, §685-A(3), and §685-C(5)

PURPOSE: Chapter 4 rules need to be updated periodically to address issues that become obvious through experience gained from applying current rules, as well as to correct errors, update references as appropriate, and make other minor revisions to Chapter 4.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Issue proposed amendments if needed by August 2016; adopt amendments by December 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Landowners and others who hold interests in lands within the unorganized and deorganized areas of the state

The proposed changes will affect all individuals proposing development in the unorganized and deorganized areas of the state and interested members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 10: Land Use Districts and Standards,** **Wind Energy**

STATUTORY BASIS: 35 MRSA §3453-A

PURPOSE: LD 828, enacted as PL 2015 Ch. 265, directs the Commission to accept petitions to remove certain land areas from the wind energy expedited permitting area. Such petitions are to be processed as rulemaking matters, with certain procedural differences. In addition, the law authorizes the Commission to undertake rulemaking, as necessary, to implement this process.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Petitions may be filed between January 1 and June 30, 2016. Final action on the proposed removals will depend on the number and timing of filings. If procedural rules are necessary, proposed rules will be issued by October 2015 and adopted by February 2016.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Landowners and others who hold interests in lands within the unorganized and de-organized areas of the state, wind power developers, and interested members of the public

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 10: Land Use Districts and Standards, Enhancement of Regulatory Efficiency**

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 MRSA §685-A(3) and §685-C(5)

PURPOSE: Chapter 10 rules establish land use standards for lands within the unorganized and de-organized areas of the state. Methods to increase efficiencies in the review and permitting of development will be considered, such as revising the subdivision design and layout standards, expanding the application of provisions regarding level 2 subdivisions, handling certain activities by permit-by-rule or its equivalent, and reviewing nonconforming use and other provisions to consider revisions consistent with Shoreland Zoning Guidelines reviewed in recent years by a Department of Environmental Protection stakeholders group and the Maine Legislature.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Issue proposed amendments by January 2016; adopt amendments by June 2016; submit for legislative review during January 2017.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Landowners and others who hold interests in lands within the unorganized and de-organized areas of the state and interested members of the public

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Ongoing to January 2016

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**CHAPTER 10: Land Use Districts and Standards,** **NRPA-related Changes**

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 MRSA §685-A(3) and §685-C(5)

PURPOSE: Rules need to be promulgated to provide resource protection in LUPC jurisdiction consistent with that provided under the Natural Resource Protection Act in organized areas of the state, as required by the NRPA statute.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Issue proposed amendments by July 2016; adopt amendments by December 2016; submit for legislative review during January 2017.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Landowners and others who hold interests in lands within the unorganized and de-organized areas of the state and interested members of the public

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 10: Land Use Districts and Standards, Miscellaneous Changes**

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 MRSA §685-A(3) and §695-C(5)

PURPOSE: Chapter 10 rules establish land use standards for lands within the unorganized and de-organized areas of the state. They need to be updated periodically to address issues which become obvious through experience gained from applying current rules, as well as to correct errors, update references as appropriate, and make other minor changes to Chapter 10. Examples of changes to be considered include updating road setback requirements and standards governing nonconformity, updating the recreational lodging rules as more experience is gained in applying them, adding areas to the list of DACSS, and changing the terminology for bridge reconstruction and certain other development in flood prone areas.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Issue proposed amendments by March 2016; adopt amendments by October 2016; submit for legislative review during January 2017.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Landowners and others who hold interests in lands within the unorganized and de-organized areas of the state and interested members of the public

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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**CHAPTER 10: Land Use Districts and Standards, Community Guided Planning and Zoning Changes**

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 MRSA §685-A(3) and §695-C(5)

PURPOSE: Chapter 10 rules establish land use standards for lands within the unorganized and de-organized areas of the state. Through the community guided planning and zoning initiative, three regions within the state are at various stages of prospective planning and zoning, which includes review of existing Chapter 10 land use standards. Rule revisions flowing from the community guided planning and zoning initiative are anticipated.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Issue proposed amendments by January 2016; adopt amendments by June 2016; submit for legislative review during January 2017.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Landowners and others who hold interests in lands within the unorganized and de-organized areas of the state and interested members of the public

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated

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