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DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**   
2015-2016 Regulatory Agenda

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

**CHAPTER 11.22**, Atlantic Sea Scallop Regulations and 2014-2015 Harvesting Season, Targeted Closures (6)(7) Pleasant Bay; Lower Englishman Bay. Emergency Regulations

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171(3)

PURPOSE: The Commissioner adopted this emergency rule-making for the implementation of conservation closures located in Pleasant Bay as well as in Lower Englishman Bay in order to protect Maine’s scallop resource due to the risk of unusual damage and imminent depletion. Scallop populations throughout the state are at extremely low levels. The Department was concerned that unrestricted harvesting during the remainder of the 2014-15 fishing season in these areas would deplete a severely diminished resource beyond its ability to recover. Continued harvesting would have damaged sublegal scallops that could have been caught during subsequent fishing seasons, as well as reduced the broodstock essential to a recovery. These immediate conservation closures were necessary to reduce the risk of unusual damage and imminent depletion. For these reasons, the Commissioner implemented an emergency closure of Maine’s scallop fishery in Pleasant Bay as well as in Lower Englishman Bay.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADOPTED RULE: December 27, 2014

AFFECTED PARTIES: Scallop harvesters and dealers

**CHAPTER 24.10(4)(F)**, Maine – Restricted Area for American Oyster; Emergency Rule-making.

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171(3)

PURPOSE: This emergency rule-making expanded the current Sheepscot River restricted area to include waters, shores, and flats between the southernmost point of Linekin Neck, Boothbay and the eastern shore of the Kennebec River. The movement of American oysters (*Crassostrea virginica*) from these waters was prohibited without a permit from the Maine Department of Resources (DMR) when the size of the oyster is greater than 3 mm. The DMR found a need for this emergency rule based upon information obtained by the Department during routine health surveillance. Specifically, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) results received on January 6, 2015 from Kennebec River Biosciences in Richmond, Maine confirmed the presence of MSX (*Haplosporidium nelsoni*) in the waters around Westport Island and south of the existing restricted area boundary. Each of the 12 5-oyster pools (n=60 oysters) sampled was found to be positive for MSX. Subsequent histology confirmed the presence of both early and late stage infection. MSX is an oyster disease caused by a microscopic parasite. It is a health and mortality problem for American oysters but does not affect human health or consumption. Oysters are routinely marketed from populations that carry MSX. The Department determined the emergency rule was necessary and appropriate to limit the spread of MSX infection outside of the currently affected areas. Due to the interconnectedness of the Sheepscot and Back Rivers and their many tributaries and embayments, the Department determined that a wider expansion of the restricted area was warranted until additional testing could determine the extent of MSX infection. Persons are required to obtain a permit for the movement-but not harvest-of shellfish from restricted areas to ensure a reasonable degree of certainty that the movement will not endanger the indigenous marine life or its environment in accordance with Chapter 24.05. Permits require pathological examination, satisfactory to the Department, demonstrating the shellfish to be free of the disease(s) found in the restricted area. This emergency rule-making was necessary to protect the American oyster resource (aquaculture and wild) from unusual damage and or imminent depletion that would be caused by continued uncontrolled movement of oysters infected by MSX throughout Maine’s waters.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADOPTED RULE: January 21, 2015

AFFECTED PARTIES: Oyster aquaculturists

**CHAPTER 11.22**, Targeted Closures (8)(9)(10)(11)(12)(13)(14)(15)(16) Cobscook Bay, Whiting & Dennys Bays, St. Croix River, Inner Little Kennebec/Englishman Rotational Area, Addison Rotational Area, Casco Passage, Bagaduce River; Sheepscot River; Casco Bay. Emergency Regulations

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171(3)

PURPOSE: The Commissioner adopted this emergency rule-making for the implementation of conservation closures located in Cobscook Bay, Whiting & Dennys Bays, Inner Little Kennebec/Englishman Bay Rotational Area, Addison Rotational Area, Casco Passage, Bagaduce River, Sheepscot River and Casco Bay in order to protect Maine’s scallop resource due to the risk of unusual damage and imminent depletion. In addition, harvesting in the St. Croix River was limited to one day per week for draggers, and one day per week for divers. Scallop populations throughout the state are at extremely low levels. The Department was concerned that unrestricted harvesting during the remainder of the 2014-15 fishing season in these areas would deplete a severely diminished resource beyond its ability to recover. Continued harvesting would have damaged sublegal scallops that could be caught during subsequent fishing seasons, as well as reduced the broodstock essential to a recovery. These conservation closures were necessary to reduce the risk of unusual damage and imminent depletion. For these reasons, the Commissioner adopted an emergency closure of Maine’s scallop fishery in Cobscook Bay, Whiting & Dennys Bays, Inner Little Kennebec/Englishman Bay Rotational Area, Addison Rotational Area, Casco Passage, Bagaduce River, Sheepscot River and Casco Bay and restricted harvest in the St. Croix River.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADOPTED RULE: February 28, 2015

AFFECTED PARTIES: Scallop harvesters and dealers

**CHAPTER 45.05**, Shrimp Season Closure Clarification-Emergency Regulations

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171(3)

PURPOSE: In November 2014, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s (ASMFC) Northern Shrimp Section approved a moratorium for the 2015 fishery. This action was taken in response to the findings of the 2014 Stock Status Report, indicating current fishable biomass is the lowest on record. A suite of indicators were used in the 2014 Stock Status Report. These include abundance and biomass indices from fishery independent surveys for 2012-2014, which were at all-time lows, and recruitment indices for the 2010- 2012 year classes, which were well below average. The Northern Shrimp Technical Committee considers the stock to have collapsed with little prospect of recovery in the immediate future. For these reasons, the Department did not adopt a season for the 2015 fishery and the last season in regulation was for 2013. This emergency rule-making was adopted for the purpose of clarifying that there was no opportunity for harvest in 2015, whether for commercial or personal use purposes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 20, 2015

AFFECTED PARTIES: Shrimp harvesters and dealers

**CHAPTER 32.07**, Elver harvesting limitations; gear

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171(3)

PURPOSE: This emergency regulation limited the use of fyke nets in the elver fishery to those individuals authorized to fish fyke nets pursuant to 12 M.R.S. §6575-B sub-§2-B, or pursuant to 12 M.R.S. §6302-A sub-§3 E, E-1, F, or G. This regulation was necessary to ensure that the state does not exceed the elver quota of 9,688 lbs. established in regulation and required for compliance with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Fishery Management Plan for American Eel.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 8, 2015

AFFECTED PARTIES: Harvesters using fyke nets not authorized by 12 M.R.S. §6575-B sub-§2-B, or pursuant to 12 M.R.S. §6302-A sub-§3 E, E-1, F, or G.

**CHAPTER 34**, Groundfish. Recreational Cod and Haddock Federal Compliance Regulations

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171(3)

CONCISE SUMMARY: In accordance with the New England Fisheries Management Council and for consistency with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) federal regulations effective May 1, 2015, the Department enacted this emergency rule-making for all persons aboard charter, party and recreational fishing vessels operating in state waters regarding cod and haddock. For the recreational fishery, the cod fishery was closed and it became unlawful to take or possess cod in state waters. For recreational haddock fishing, the minimum size was reduced to 17 inches to reduce mortality. Updated assessments for Gulf of Maine cod indicate the stock is in severe decline and haddock exceeded the catch limit in place for FY 2014. Because the FY 2014 recreational overage was substantial, significant changes in management measures were deemed necessary by NMFS to ensure the recreational fishery does not exceed its catch limit again in FY 2015. The necessary reduction represents a 78% reduction for Atlantic cod, and an 84% reduction for haddock from the actual estimated 2014 recreational catch. This was adopted on an emergency basis to implement the management measures in time to ensure that recreational harvest limits were not exceeded in 2015, in order to protect cod and haddock from unusual damage or imminent harm caused by overfishing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 9, 2015

AFFECTED PARTIES: Recreational groundfish fishermen

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

(Consensus-based rule development: Not contemplated for all rules listed.)

**CHAPTER 1**, Watercraft Excise Tax Decal-No rule-making anticipated.

**CHAPTER 2**, Aquaculture

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §§ 6072, 6072-A, 6072-C, 6171

PURPOSE: Update Chapter 2 to include regulations for: (1) gear variances for aquaculture gear to implement statutory changes; (2) land based aquaculture; (3) wild seed (spat) collection; (4) wet storage of shellfish grown on aquaculture sites; (5) retail sales directly from lease sites; and (6) updates to Chapter 2 to implement past legislation and clarify existing rules.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Aquaculture industry

**CHAPTER 3**, Foreign Fish Processing within the State of Maine’s Internal Waters – No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 4**, Certification, Recertification, Revocation of Certification for Municipal Shellfish Conservation Warden

STATUTORY BASIS 12 M.R.S. §6671

PURPOSE: Updates to Chapter 4 to amend requirements for municipal shellfish wardens.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Municipal shellfish wardens

**CHAPTER 5**, Confidentiality of Statistics – No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 6**, Lobster Processing, Restrictions and Prohibitions-No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 7**, Requirements for Municipalities Having Shellfish Conservation Programs

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §§ 6671, 6673

PURPOSE: To update and amend the regulations for towns with approved shellfish conservation management programs.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Municipalities that have DMR approved Shellfish Conservation Programs

**CHAPTER 8**, Landings Program

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §§ 6171, 6173

PURPOSE: To update landings reporting requirements in conjunction with the implementation of the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) and to collect landings information as necessary for management purposes.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Marine harvesters and dealers

**CHAPTER 9**, Harvester: Shellstock Harvesting, Handling and Sanitation

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171-A

PURPOSE: New and amended regulations as necessary for compliance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Shellfish harvesters

**CHAPTER 10**, Clams and Quahogs

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: To establish a 10% tolerance for the take of quahogs that do not meet minimum size requirement.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Quahog harvesters

**CHAPTER 11**, Scallops

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §§ 6171, 6856, 6171-A, 6728, 6706

PURPOSE: To establish or amend local and/or state-wide regulations pertaining to the management of the scallop resource, including annual setting of the season. Establishment of a limited entry system for the scallop fishery. Amendments for inconsistencies or technical corrections.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Scallop harvesters and dealers

**CHAPTER 12**, Mussels

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: Amendments to size and harvest restrictions, and regulations pertaining to management of the mussel resource.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Mussel harvesters

**CHAPTER 13**, Whelks and Periwinkles

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: Regulations pertaining to management of the periwinkle resource.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Periwinkle harvesters

**CHAPTER 14**, Oysters

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §§ 6171, 6863

PURPOSE: Amendments to size and harvest restrictions, regulations pertaining to management of the oyster resource

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Oyster harvesters

**CHAPTER 15**, General Shellfish Sanitation Requirements

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171-A

PURPOSE: New and amended regulations as necessary for compliance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Certified shellfish dealers and harvesters

**CHAPTER 16**, Uniform Physical Plant Equipment and Operation Requirements -

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171-A

PURPOSE: New and amended regulations as necessary for compliance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Shellfish industry

**CHAPTER 17**, Shucker-Packer

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171-A

PURPOSE: New and amended regulations as necessary for compliance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Shellfish industry

**CHAPTER 18**, Shellstock Shipping

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171-A

PURPOSE: New and amended regulations as necessary for compliance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Shellfish industry

**CHAPTER 19**, Reshipping

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171-A

PURPOSE: New and amended regulations as necessary for compliance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Shellfish industry

**CHAPTER 20**, Depuration

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171-A

PURPOSE: New and amended regulations as necessary for compliance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Shellfish industry

**CHAPTER 21**, Shellfish Relay

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171-A

PURPOSE: New and amended regulations as necessary for compliance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Shellfish industry

**CHAPTER 22**, Retail Seafood

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171-A

PURPOSE: New and amended regulations as necessary for compliance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Shellfish industry

**CHAPTER 23**, Standards for closure of contaminated or polluted flats-No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 24**, Importation of Live Marine Organisms

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §§ 6071, 6171

PURPOSE: Updates to prevent the introduction of infectious organisms that pose a danger to indigenous marine life or its environment; update shellfish health guidelines for wild and aquaculture industry; shellfish regulation updates or establishment of testing, movement restrictions and hatchery inspection requirements; and amend for applicable land-based marine organism aquaculture permitting.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Any person seeking an importation permit, aquaculturists

**CHAPTER 25**, Lobster and Crab

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §§ 6171, 6171-A, 6175, 6431, 6446, 6447, 6448

PURPOSE: To adopt lobster trap limits, number of traps per trawl, the periods allowed for complying with the trap limit and the time of day when fishing may occur as established by lobster management zones’ referenda on policy proposals; amend license entry eligibility requirements per zone; amend apprentice requirements; education and safety requirements; and resolve boundary line disputes. In addition, to update rules for consistency with new statutes or amend for clarifications and technical corrections; to amend seed lobster fund rules, double tags requirements for enforcement, rules regarding island limited entry for lobster fishing communities; rules regarding the use of fresh water and marine sources of bait; student license rules pertaining to serving a percentage of their time with their sponsor. To bring Maine into compliance with the ASMFC Amendments to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Lobster including but not limited to most restrictive rules, minimum & maximum sizes, gauge changes. Implementation of emergency rules, repeal of rules replaced by laws and corrections based on rules review for errors and inconsistencies would be promulgated.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: lobster harvesters; lobster dealers

**CHAPTER 26**, Sea Urchin

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §§ 6171, 6749, 6749-W, 6302-A

PURPOSE: To establish or amend local or state wide urchin regulations pertaining to management of the urchin resource. To establish a limited entry system for the urchin fishery. To amend the season to reallocate the days available for fishing or to reflect spawning conditions, set daily catch limits, adjust size limits or tolerance(s), minimum and maximum size, tolerances, closures for research, zone selection rules; establish rules to govern zone council elections etc. Designate the open days and selection of early or late season(s) for the sea urchin fishery in Zones 1 and 2.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Sea urchin harvesters, buyers, processors

**CHAPTER 27**, Sea Cucumber

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6813

PURPOSE: To establish or amend local or state wide sea cucumber regulations pertaining to management of the sea cucumber resource.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Sea cucumber harvesters and dealers

**CHAPTER 28**, Marine Worms

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: To establish or amend regulations pertaining to management of the marine worm resource.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Worm harvesters and dealers

**CHAPTER 29**, Seaweed

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: To amend regulations as necessary to implement coastwide rockweed management measures following recommendations of the Rockweed Fishery Management Plan Development Team’s Fishery Management Plan for Rockweed.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Seaweed harvesters and dealers

**CHAPTER 30**, River Herring –No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 31**, Horseshoe Crabs –No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 32**, Eels

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: To amend regulations as necessary to comply with ASMFC measures and changes in statute.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Eel harvesters and dealers

**CHAPTER 34**, Groundfish

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: To manage groundfish stocks by adjusting the sizes and rules to conform with Fisheries Management Plan restrictions and adjust Maine regulations for liberalization of rules pertaining to recovering groundfish stocks. Compliance with ASMFC measures for groundfish..

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Commercial and recreational groundfish harvesters

**CHAPTER 36**, Herring

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: Amend regulations as necessary to conform with the joint New England Fisheries Management Council (NEFMC) and ASMFC herring plans, implementation of emergency rules, repeal of rules replaced by laws and corrections based on rules review for errors and inconsistencies. Changes may include days out of the fishery, fixed gear rules, monitoring, spawning closures, and addendums passed by ASMFC and NEFMC.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Herring harvesters and processors; bait dealers, lobstermen

**CHAPTER 37**, Freshwater Fish Regulations- No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 39**, Sturgeon -No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 40**, Smelts

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: To amend regulations as necessary to manage the smelt fishery.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Smelt camp owners and harvesters

**CHAPTER 41**, Menhaden

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §§ 6171, 6171-A

PURPOSE: Restrictions as necessary on areas for management of the menhaden resource and reduce potential for gear conflict. Amend regulations as necessary to conform to ASMFC menhaden plan.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Menhaden harvesters

**CHAPTER 42**, Striped Bass-No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 43**, Bluefish – No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 44**, American Shad-No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 45**, Shrimp

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §§ 6171, 6171-A

PURPOSE: Amend regulations as necessary to allow for the changes made to shrimp management by the ASMFC and other new measures. Set the annual shrimp season via emergency rule-making as has historically been the case.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Shrimp harvesters and dealers

**CHAPTER 49**, Shellfish Bait Regulations – No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 50**, Spiny Dogfish and Coastal Sharks

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: To provide compliance with interstate fisheries management plans (ASMFC) for coastal sharks or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Fishery Management Plan for Dogfish in territorial seas through limits on commercial and recreational fisheries. Update rules to be consistent with federal rules.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Commercial and recreational dogfish and coastal shark harvesters, dealers

**CHAPTER 55**, Gear Restrictions

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: To amend regulations as necessary to manage various fisheries and clarify regulations regarding methods of fishing and taking

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Commercial and recreational harvesters and commercial dealers

**CHAPTER 60**, Resource Management Plan- No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 65**, Burnt Island, Living Lighthouse and Facilities – No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 70**, Cable Area Prohibitions – No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 75**, Protected Resources

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: Rules for compliance and consistency with NOAA Fisheries rules; species involved may include whales, sea turtles, sturgeon, etc.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Commercial and recreational harvesters and commercial dealers

**CHAPTER 80**, Commercial Pelagic and Anadromous Fishing License – No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 85**, Saltwater Fishing Registry-No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 90**, Conservation Areas-No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 95**, Closed Polluted Areas-No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 96**, Closed Areas-No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 100**, Grievance Procedures for the Handicapped –No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 105**, Safety Regulations –No rule-making anticipated

**CHAPTER 110**, Marine Harvesting Demonstration License

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: To amend regulations as necessary to manage licensed activities.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Marine harvesting demonstration license holders