



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE  
OFFICE OF OCEAN AND COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

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Ms. Kathleen Leyden  
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Dear Ms. Leyden:

This letter clarifies our letter of December 2, 2004, approving the routine program change (RPC) to the Maine Coastal Program.

The following section was mistakenly omitted in our approval letter, and through this supplemental letter has received our approval:

P.L. 2003 c. 573, amending the Maine Endangered Species Act (MESA) by adopting 12 MRSA § 7001, sub-§§ 7 and 36.

These sections provide definitions of the terms “endangered species” and “threatened species” under MESA. Initially, it was not clear to OCRM that these sections were included in your RPC request. However, after discussions with your staff, and upon further review, OCRM agrees that these sections were part of your RPC request.

Federal consistency will apply to the approved changes as you have already published notice of approval pursuant to 15 C.F.R. § 923.84(b)(4)(i)(C).

Thank you for your cooperation in this review. Please contact Bill O’Beirne at (301) 713-3155, ext. 160, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John King  
Chief  
Coastal Programs Division

