

Notice of Agency Rule-making Adoption

AGENCY: Department of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: Chapter 21, Statewide standards for timber harvesting and related activities in shoreland areas

PROVISIONALLY ADOPTED RULE NUMBER:

CONCISE SUMMARY

This rule establishes statewide standards for timber harvesting and related activities in shoreland areas. In general, timber harvesting activities in shoreland areas must protect shoreline integrity and not expose mineral soil that can be washed into water bodies, including nonforested freshwater and coastal wetlands and tidal waters. Timber harvesting and related activities in shoreland areas below the 300 acre drainage point must leave windfirm stands of trees that provide adequate shade. If located in shoreland areas, roads used primarily for timber harvesting and related activities must be constructed and maintained to standards designed to minimize the chance of exposed soil washing into water bodies, including wetlands. Stream crossings must not disrupt the natural flow of water and must not allow sediment into water bodies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent on 38 MRSA §438-B, sub-§5

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