

Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal

AGENCY: Board of Environmental Protection (06-096)

RULE TITLE OR SUBJECT: Amendments to State of Maine Guidelines for Municipal Shoreland Zoning Ordinances (Chapter 1000)

PROPOSED RULE NUMBER: 2005-P179

CONCISE SUMMARY: This rule will amend the *State of Maine Guidelines for Municipal Shoreland Zoning Ordinances*, the model ordinance that contains the minimum standards that municipalities must incorporate into municipally adopted ordinances for shoreland areas. Shoreland areas include those areas within 250 feet on the normal high-water line of any great pond, river or saltwater body, within 250 feet of the upland edge of a freshwater or coastal wetland, or within 75 feet of the normal high-water line of a stream.

THIS RULE WILL HAVE A FISCAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES.

Municipalities will be required to update their respective municipal shoreland zoning ordinances to be consistent with the amended Rule. The fiscal impact will be the cost of amending those locally adopted ordinances.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 38 MRSA section 438-A(1)

PUBLIC HEARING: The public hearing was held on September 8, 2005 at the Holiday Inn/Ground Round in Augusta, Maine at 2:30 P.M. At the hearing the Board of Environmental Protection voted to extend the written comment period until October 19, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. At its regular meeting on October 6, 2005 the Board voted to further extend the comment period until December 1, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: December 1, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. Comments may be submitted by mail at the address below, by fax at (207) 287-7191 or by e-mail at Rich.P.Baker@Maine.Gov. To ensure consideration, comments must include your name and the organization you represent, if any. Please be aware that any risk of non-delivery associated with submissions by fax or e-mail is on the sender.

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