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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MAINE LAND USE PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 12:

Land Use District Requirements for Metallic Mineral Mining and Level C Mineral Exploration Activities

PURPOSE: The Maine Land Use Planning Commission is seeking public comment on proposed changes to Chapter 12 *Land Use District Requirements for Metallic Mineral Mining and Level C Mineral Exploration Activities.*

BACKGROUND: In order to reflect changes outlined in recent legislation, P.L. 2011, Chapter 653 (enacting LD 1853), the Commission must update its rules regulating metallic mineral mining and level C mineral exploration activities. The Commission will no longer be responsible for issuing permits for metallic mineral mining and level C mineral exploration activities. This function will be transferred to the Department of Environmental Protection. Consequently, the Commission must make modifications to Chapter 12 of its rules (*Land Use District Requirements for Metallic Mineral Mining and Level C Mineral Exploration Activities*) to eliminate information relevant to the permitting process but not necessarily to the rezoning process.

TIME AND PLACE: The hearing will be held on the following dates:

- 6:00 p.m. December 11, 2012 in Presque Isle (University of Maine at Presque Isle, Campus Center Building, Allagash Room) and
- 2:00 p.m. December 14, 2012 in Farmington (University of Maine at Farmington, Olsen Student Center Building, North Dining Hall Section B and C).

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and offer testimony which would have a bearing on the proposed rule. The public is not required to submit written testimony before the hearing. Members of the public may simply attend the hearing and give oral testimony.

The hearing record will remain open until December 28th to allow interested persons to file written statements with the Commission, and for an additional 8 days until January 7th to allow interested persons to file written statements in rebuttal of statements filed during the previous period. The record of the hearing will then close.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A copy of the proposed rule changes may be viewed at the Commission's main office (18 Elkins Lane, Harlow Building, Augusta, Maine) or may be downloaded from the agency's web site (www.maine.gov/doc/lupc) under 'featured links'. To view the draft rule changes at the Augusta office, please call the office in advance at 207-287-2631. Persons having questions may contact LUPC by e-mail (LUPC@maine.gov) or telephone (207-287-2631).

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