

### **Emerald Ash Borer**

Emergency orders, quarantines and rulemaking

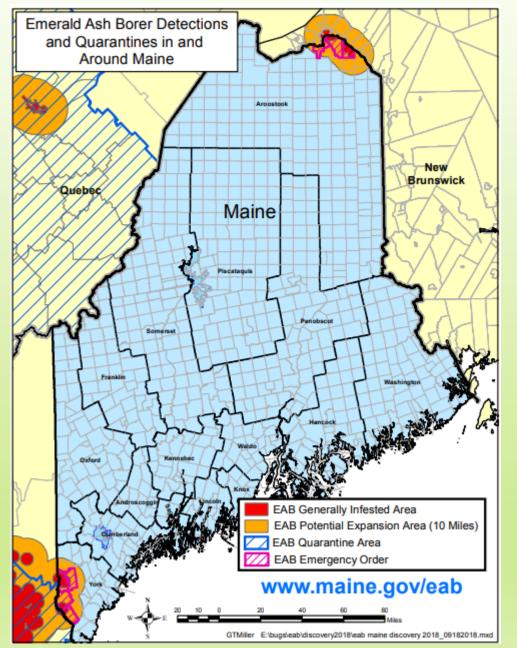
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### Current Emergency Order - to be replaced by quarantine

- The director may prohibit, prevent or regulate the entry into or movement within the State of ... stock or parts of plants or wood or wood products that may cause the introduction or spread of a dangerous forest insect or disease.
- Emergency orders promulgated through emergency rulemaking.





ORDER AREA: Aroostook: Frenchville, Madawaska, Grand Isle

York: Acton, Berwick, Lebanon, Shapleigh

- Based on detections in trees and on traps and trap trees
- Kept small to limit spread
- Any future detections would influence Order Area
- Final quarantine will be larger

#### **Regulated Articles**

Based on Federally Regulated Articles

(true ash, not mountain-ash)

- Ash roundwood
- Ash green lumber
- Chipped material with ash
- Hardwood firewood that has not undergone certified heat treatment
- Rooted ash

Affects material that originated within the Order Area or has been held within the Order Area



## Options for moving ash originating in the regulated area

Ash moves freely within the regulated area, including interstate and international

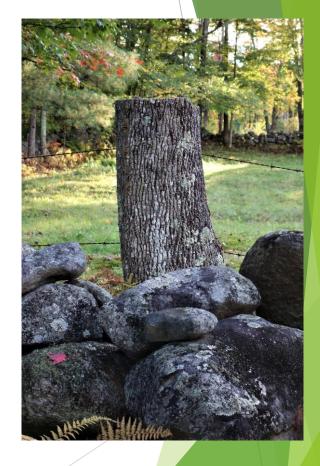
Compliance agreements

- Easier to move when EAB adults are not present (October - March)
- Approved treatment (heat, fumigation, etc.)
- Certified ash free firewood or biomass chips (a possibility)



#### **Quarantine Rule was Proposed**

- The rule was proposed on January 15, 2019
- Hearings were held
  - February 11 Ashland
  - February 13 Springvale
- Comments were accepted until February 25
- The adopted rule will be filed this week

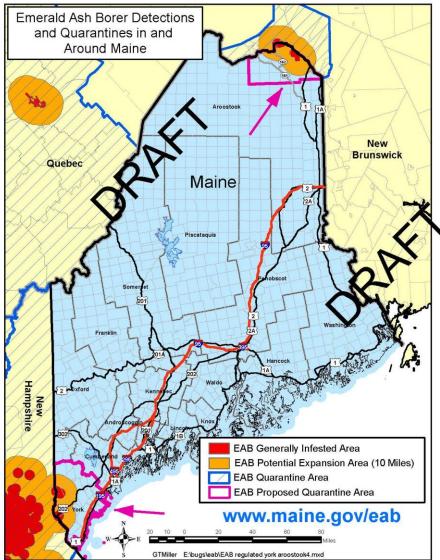


#### What's next

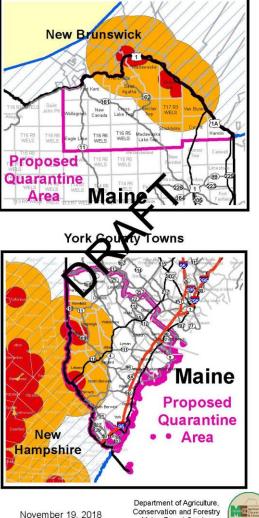
- DACF MFS and Horticulture Program quarantine will be adopted this week
- USDA-APHIS-PPQ will adopt a federal quarantine for the same areas



# Quarantine areas to be adopted this week



**Aroostook County Towns** 



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#### Adoption

- After considering and responding to all the comments the DACF decided to file the draft rule without any changes
- The rule will be filed with the Secretary of State this week, including:
  - A statement explaining the factual and policy basis for the rule;
  - A summary of all the comments;
  - The rationale for adoption or failing to adopt suggested changes; and
  - A statement on the potential impacts to small business
- The quarantine rules become effective 5 days after it is filed with the Secretary of State's Office

