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# Memorandum

May 25, 2007

TO: Commission Members  
FROM: Agnieszka Pinette, Senior Planner, Land Use Regulation Commission.  
SUBJECT: Discussion of LURC staff's provisional pre-hearing schedule pertaining to Plum Creek's Proposed Concept Plan in the Moosehead Lake Region.

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On April 27, 2007, Plum Creek submitted to the Land Use Regulation Commission an amended Petition for Rezoning to implement a concept plan on its ownership in the Moosehead Lake region. LURC staff conditionally accepted for processing the amended Petition on May 18, 2007, and the Chair of the Commission concurrently set a deadline of June 20, 2007 for filing with LURC petitions to intervene by interested parties.

At the June 6, 2007 Commission meeting, LURC staff will discuss with the Commission a provisional schedule for certain pre-hearing actions pertaining to Plum Creek's amended Petition (enclosed). This provisional schedule was developed by LURC staff and consultants in order to provide guidance and predictability to Plum Creek and other potential parties with respect to LURC's anticipated review process, and to ensure a timely review of Plum Creek's application. It was developed after taking into consideration all legal notice requirements, other processing requirements, and the importance of providing all potential parties with due process in the hearing proceeding.

The target hearing dates in the enclosed schedule are premised on Plum Creek responding in a timely manner to all LURC requests for additional information deemed essential by LURC staff in reviewing the Petition. As such, adherence to this schedule is dependent on Plum Creek's compliance with all dates established by LURC staff for submitting additional information and other filings.

LURC staff has informed Plum Creek and interested parties that this provisional schedule will be shared with the Commission and will be adjusted as necessary to reflect any instruction from the Commission. Accordingly, on June 6<sup>th</sup>, the staff will be seeking informal feedback from the Commission with respect to this matter. LURC staff will present to the Commission a finalized hearing schedule, which it will request the Commission to formally act on, at a subsequent Commission meeting.

Enclosures: Provisional pre-hearing schedule.

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## PROVISIONAL PRE-HEARING SCHEDULE

### PERTAINING TO PLUM CREEK'S PROPOSED CONCEPT PLAN IN THE MOOSEHEAD LAKE REGION

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Friday	04/27	Date of Plum Creek's filing to LURC of its amended Concept Plan petition.
Friday	05/18	Date of LURC's conditional acceptance of the amended petition for processing; June 20, 2007 deadline for petitions for intervention set by LURC Chair; notice provided to Secretary of State and interested parties.
Wednesday	05/30	Notice establishing deadline for petitions for intervention appears in appropriate newspapers with State of Maine consolidated rulemaking notice.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>06/06</b>	<b>Commission meeting: Discussion of provisional pre-hearing schedule.</b>
Wednesday	06/20	Due date for petitions for intervention.
Wednesday	07/11	Commission meeting: Decision on petitions for intervention.
Monday	07/13	First possible date for pre-hearing conference(s).
Monday	07/23	Deadline for Plum Creek to respond to all LURC and review agency information requests.
Friday	08/31	Potential due date for pre-filed testimony and review agency comments.
Wednesday	09/05	Commission meeting: Decision on finalized hearing schedule.
Friday	09/28	Potential due date for pre-filed rebuttal.
Wednesday	10/03	Notice of public hearing with hearing dates appearing in appropriate newspapers with State of Maine consolidated rulemaking notice.
Monday	10/29	First conceivable start date for public hearings.

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