



STATE OF MAINE

JOHN E. BALDACCI
GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
LAND USE REGULATION COMMISSION
18 ELKINS LANE – HARLOW BUILDING
22 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0022



PATRICK MCGOWAN
COMMISSIONER

Memorandum

September 5, 2007

On September 5, 2007, the Commission accepted the staff recommendation (dated August 29, 2007) regarding the public hearing schedule and venue in the matter of Zoning Petition ZP 707 (Plum Creek Maine Timberlands, L.L.C. and Plum Creek Land Company Petition for Rezoning to implement a Concept Plan in the Moosehead Lake region), with certain amendments. The original staff recommendation is provided below, along with shading showing any changes to the staff recommendation that were adopted by the Commission on September 5:

Staff Recommendation, as Amended

Based upon the information available to LURC staff to date, and after consideration of the concerns and requests raised by parties and members of the public, LURC staff recommends the following hearing schedule and venues for gathering public and party testimony in the matter of Zoning Petition ZP 707:

Public Testimony	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>November 3</u>	<u>Greenville</u>
	Sunday	November 4	Greenville <u>Augusta</u>
	Saturday	November 17	Augusta <u>Portland</u>
	Sunday	November 18	Portland <u>Greenville</u>
Party Testimony	Week of November 5		Bangor/Orono
	Week of November 12		

LURC staff further recommends that the specific times for public testimony, and the specific dates and times for party testimony within the weeks of November 5 and 12, be finalized by LURC staff in consultation with the Chair, upon review of all pre-filed testimony filed by parties and consideration of the structure and order of party testimony.

To date, LURC has not received the pre-filed direct testimony from parties, which is presently due on August 31st or, for certain specific topics, September 10th. Should significant new information be provided by the petitioner or other parties as part of pre-filed direct testimony, or otherwise, which the Chair determines (1) would unduly burden parties in responding to pre-filed direct testimony by the due date established for pre-filed rebuttal testimony, and (2) cannot otherwise be adequately addressed within the proposed pre-hearing timetable, LURC staff will request that the Commission reconsider this recommendation at its October Commission meeting.