January 15, 2019

To Interested Parties:

The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry is proposing a quarantine to prevent the movement of emerald ash borer that will become CMR 01-001, Chapter 275. This proposed rule establishes a state quarantine against the emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) to prevent its movement in firewood, ash logs, ash wood products or ash nursery stock from northern Aroostook and York Counties, to protect Maine's forest and landscape tree resources. The emerald ash borer is federally regulated and this rule fulfills the requirement that Maine must have a similar state quarantine in place because the state is partially regulated for emerald ash borer.

Two public hearings are scheduled. One on February 11, 2019, 6:30 PM at the Maine Forest Service Office, 45 Radar Road, Ashland, Maine 04732-0972 and the other on February 13, 2019, 6:30 PM at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Office, 15 Oak Street, Springvale, Maine 04083.

If you cannot attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until midnight February 25, 2019. Please send comments to me at the address, email or fax listed below.

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