

# Phase II Preview

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Sustain and Grow

# Phase II Project Plan

A three-step plan to develop recommendations to sustain and grow Maine's Economy

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- **Task 1: Validate Action Steps, Identify New Actions**
  - Validate 10-year strategy action items
  - Evaluate key assumptions
  - Identify new opportunities and challenges
- **Task 2: Prioritize Action Items and Develop Recommendations**
  - Integrate and harmonize ideas from each sector
  - Develop and prioritize recommendations
- **Task 3: Draft Report**
  - Work together to focus, refine, and prioritize recommendations
  - Building full committee consensus

# Remaining Recommendations

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Proposal for Next Steps

# Categories of Recommendations

Recommendations fall into one of three groups for future action

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Previously Transmitted</b></li></ul>	Recommendations that have been communicated in previous ERC publications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ready for Transmission</b></li></ul>	Recommendations ready for direct communication to the relevant committee or state agency
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Develop for Future Transmission</b></li></ul>	Recommendations with potential for further development and cross-sector collaboration

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Recommendation	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Expand and support access to stimulus investment</b></li></ul>	Discussed in July 15 report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Reopen with transparency and parity with neighboring states</b></li></ul>	Discussed in July 1 memo

# Ready for Transmission

Recommendations ready for direct communication to the relevant committee or state agency

Recommendation	Description	Agency
• <b>Lobster Pound Aquaculture</b>	Consider regulatory changes to facilitate the use of lobster pounds for shellfish aquaculture	Department of Marine Resources
• <b>Innovation Economy Advisory Board Diversification</b>	Empower broader perspectives in directing innovation economy by appointing more diverse and experienced entrepreneurs	Maine Technology Institute
• <b>Maine Office of Tourism Funding</b>	Maintain the Office of Tourism's budget through FY22 at or above FY21 levels	Department of Administrative and Financial Services
• <b>Bankruptcy Planning and Support</b>	Develop a plan to provide support in navigating bankruptcy and educate the public on changes to Chapter 11 for small businesses	Department of Economic and Community Development
• <b>Support for Jay Mill</b>	Send a clear signal to Pixelle that the State is interested in supporting their efforts to rebuild their operations in Jay	Department of Economic and Community Development
• <b>Increase DEP Staffing</b>	Increase Department of Environmental Protection staffing to alleviate permitting bottlenecks	Department of Administrative and Financial Services
• <b>Maine Goods for Maine People*</b>	A State level commitment to purchasing Maine goods to fulfill its procurement needs whenever possible	Department of Administrative and Financial Services

\*Consider amending to include caution about reciprocity

# Develop for Future Transmission

Recommendations with potential for further development and cross-sector collaboration

## Energy Infrastructure

Recommendation	Description
• <b>Renewable Energy RFP</b>	Request the Public Utilities Commission issue an additional renewable energy solicitation
• <b>Three Phase Power to Working Waterfronts</b>	Provide State assistance to food processing and storage facilities in Maine to increase the availability of three phase power to the working waterfronts
• <b>NECEC Project</b>	Support expedient permitting and approval of the New England Clean Energy Connect project
• <b>Defer Certain Environmental Regulations</b>	Allow a 1-year deferment on certain environmental deadlines/regulations and new construction regulations that have minimal environmental impact.

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**Energy Infrastructure**

Refer to the Innovation and  
Infrastructure subcommittees for  
further development