**State of Maine: Notice of Agency Rulemaking – January 18, 2023**

**NOTICE OF STATE RULEMAKING**

**Public Input for Rules**

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**PROPOSALS**

AGENCY: **13-188 - Department of Marine Resources (DMR)**

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: **Ch. 32**, Elver Quota System for the 2023 Season

TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical

PROPOSED RULE NUMBER: **2023-P018**

BRIEF SUMMARY: This proposed rulemaking establishes the elver quota allocations for the 2023 season for individuals licensed under §§ 6505-A and 6302-A, and the method of calculating individual elver quota allocations for individuals licensed under §6505-A. The quota for the Passamaquoddy Tribe has been adjusted in accordance with their overage in the 2022 season.For individuals licensed under §6505-A, 2023 allocations for individuals will be the same as their 2022 allocations, plus any quota associated with licenses not renewed in 2022, or licenses suspended for the duration of the 2023 season, which will be distributed evenly to all existing license holders.

PUBLIC HEARING: None scheduled.

COMMENT DEADLINE: February 17, 2023.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES: None

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE: 12 MRS §6171

SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED *(if different)*: Same

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CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: **Ch.** **34**, Groundfish Regulations: Maximized Retention Monitoring

TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical

PROPOSED RULE NUMBER: **2023-P019**

BRIEF SUMMARY: This proposed rulemaking incorporates into state regulation the electronic monitoring maximized retention model, which is a monitoring tool approved by NOAA to achieve sector monitoring coverage in the federal groundfish fishery. This proposed rulemaking defines ‘electronic monitoring maximized retention model’ and ‘allocated groundfish species.’ It adds an exemption from the minimum sizes for allocated groundfish species to vessels participating in the maximized retention model, subject to constraints specified in the proposed rule.

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CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: **Ch. 36**, Atlantic Herring: 2023 Administrative Update

TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical

PROPOSED RULE NUMBER: **2023-P020**

BRIEF SUMMARY: This proposed regulation amends language clarifying the seasonal structure of the Management Area 1A herring fishery. Additionally, section 36.01(B)(3) clarified the reporting timeframe as described in Chapter 8 Landings, section 8.20(R).

PUBLIC HEARING: None scheduled

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**ADOPTIONS**

AGENCY: **94-457 - Finance Authority of Maine (FAME)**

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: **Ch. 618**, *Amendment 2* – Maine Veterinary Medicine Loan Program

ADOPTED RULE NUMBER: **2023-007**

CONCISE SUMMARY: The rule amendments implement recent legislative changes to the program’s governing statute. These changes include: increases the number of loans that may be awarded (funding permitting) from two per year to eight per year, with overall aggregate program loans increased from eight to thirty-two, but at least half of these (and no fewer than two) must be awarded to livestock veterinary students, unless FAME does not receive enough applications, in which case it may award remaining loans to other eligible applicants; increases maximum loan amounts from $25,000 per year to $35,000 per year; expands program eligibility to veterinarians who practice “emergency and critical care” (to be defined by Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry, but to include non-livestock animals; and expands program eligibility to veterinarians of any kind who practice in “underserved geographic regions” (term to be defined by DACF, but priority must be given to Aroostook, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, and Washington Counties).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 10, 2023

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