**State of Maine: Notice of Agency Rulemaking – July 14, 2021**

**PROPOSALS**

AGENCY: **18-125** - Department of Administrative & Financial Services (DAFS), **Maine Revenue Services (MRS)**

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: **Ch. 803**, Withholding Tax Reports and Payments

TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical

PROPOSED RULE NUMBER: **2021-P121**

BRIEF SUMMARY: MRS proposes amending Rule 803 ("Withholding Tax Reports and Payments") to make the following changes: changing the title of the rule to "Income Tax Withholding Reports and Payments"; adding a definition of "foreclosure sale"; adding a new subsection to section .03 regarding buyers of real property located in Maine; updating subsection .07(E) to require a payer to electronically file annual Wage and Tax Statements and federal information statements with the Assessor when that payer is required to electronically file those forms federally; making updates to section .08 necessitated by changes to the federal Form W-4; removing subsections .09(F) and .09(G) to reflect changes in MRS and Maine Department of Labor processes that have occurred since Rule 803 was last updated; and making various clarification and formatting changes.

PUBLIC HEARING: N/A

COMMENT DEADLINE: August 13, 2021

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FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES: N/A

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE: 36 MRS §112; Title 36 ch. 827

SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED: N/A

MRS WEBSITE: <https://www.maine.gov/revenue/> .

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AGENCY: **09-137 – Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW)**

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: **Ch. 28** *(New)*, Educational Trip Leader Rules

TYPE OF RULE: Routine Technical

PROPOSED RULE NUMBER: **2021-P122**

BRIEF SUMMARY: In accordance with [Public Law Chapter 162](http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1089&item=4&snum=130) (LD 1474) the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is proposing to adopt new rule ch. 28 to create an Educational Trip Leader Permit program within the Department which will allow staff and students from public and private schools and postsecondary educational institutions to conduct, without a guide license, paddling and primitive camping trips for students and adults associated with those institutions. A complete copy of the proposed rule may be requested by contacting the Agency Contact Person.

PUBLIC HEARING: Monday, August 2, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. – *via video conference (Microsoft Teams). Contact the Agency Contact Person by close of business on 7/30/2021 for details.*

COMMENT DEADLINE: August 12, 2021

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FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES: No fiscal impact anticipated.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE: 12 MRS §§ 10104, 12863

SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED:

IFW WEBSITE: [www.maine.gov/ifw](http://www.maine.gov/ifw) .

**ADOPTIONS**

AGENCY: **65-407 – Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC)**

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: **Ch. 895**, Underground Facility Damage Prevention Requirements

ADOPTED RULE NUMBER: **2021-144** *(Final adoption, major substantive)*

CONCISE SUMMARY: The Public Utilities Commission finally adopts amendments to its *Underground Facility Damage Prevention* requirements rule (ch. 895) as required to implement recently enacted legislation (Resolves 2021 ch. 16).

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 5, 2021

MPUC CONTACT PERSON / RLEMAKING LIAISON: Jamie Waterbury, Maine Public Utilities Commission, 18 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333. Telephone: (207) 287-1360. Email: Jamie.A.Waterbury@Maine.gov .

MPUC WEBSITE: <https://www.maine.gov/mpuc/> .

AGENCY: **09-137 – Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW)**

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: **Ch. 16**, Hunting: **16.07**, Deer Hunting (Any-deer permit allocations)

ADOPTED RULE NUMBER: **2021-145**

CONCISE SUMMARY: The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has adopted antlerless deer permit (ADP) numbers for the 2021 regular deer hunting season and special muzzle-loading season by setting specific permit allocations for the 29 Wildlife Management Districts (WMD) as follows:

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| **WMD** | **# of Permits** | **WMD** | **# of Permits** |
| WMD 1 | 0 permits | WMD 17 | 15,165 permits |
| WMD 2 | 50 permits | WMD 18  | 380 permits |
| WMD 3 | 75 permits | WMD 19  | 25 permits |
| WMD 4 | 0 permits | WMD 20  | 9,650 permits |
| WMD 5 | 0 permits | WMD 21 | 20,475 permits |
| WMD 6 | 350 permits | WMD 22 | 20,160 permits |
| WMD 7 | 615 permits | WMD 23 | 25,080 permits |
| WMD 8  | 250 permits | WMD 24 | 9,100 permits |
| WMD 9 | 65 permits | WMD 25 | 23,760 permits |
| WMD 10 | 25 permits | WMD 26 | 2,555 permits |
| WMD 11 | 45 permits | WMD 27 | 95 permits |
| WMD 12 | 440 permits | WMD 28 | 35 permits |
| WMD 13 | 505 permits | WMD 29 | 2,100 permits |
| WMD 14  | 335 permits  | Subunit 25a | 425 permits |
| WMD 15 | 11,500 permits | Subunit 26a | 250 permits |
| WMD 16 | 10,400 permits |  |
| **TOTAL PERMITS: 153,910** |

The Department is also issuing bonus antlerless deer permits in two subunits, Subunit 25a and 26a. These additional permits will allow for additional opportunity to harvest deer in areas experiencing elevated levels of Lyme disease, deer-vehicle collisions and public complaints about deer. A complete copy of the rule may be requested by contacting the Agency Contact Person.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 18, 2021

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