**94-409**

**MAINE INDIAN TRIBAL-STATE COMMISSION**

Maine Administrative Procedure Act

2025–2026 Regulatory Agenda

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**AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: 94-409**

**AGENCY NAME: Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission (MITSC or Commission)**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

**EXPECTED 2025**–**2026 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:**

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE:**  94-409 C.M.R. ch. 201: Fishing on Waters under Jurisdiction of Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission.

**STATUTORY BASIS:** 30 M.R.S. § 6207(3) (2023)

**PURPOSE:**  The Commission is adopting new fishing regulations for waters subject to its jurisdiction, which were added to Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Passamaquoddy Tribe, or Penobscot Nation tribal territory after 1998. The Commission also will adopt amendments to resolve or reduce discrepancies between the existing fishing rules of MITSC, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, and the Penobscot Nation. It is anticipated that 94-409 C.M.R. ch. 201 will be wholly repealed and replaced in accordance with 29-950 ch. 800, Section 2(1)(A).

**SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION:** The proposed amendments will be developed in coordination with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, and the Penobscot Nation. Biologists and/or resource managers from each jurisdiction will be consulted. On August 28, 2025, MITSC will convene a summit to be attended by representatives of each jurisdiction. The rules are anticipated to become final by January 1, 2027.

**AFFECTED PARTIES:**  People desiring to fish in the boundary waters under MITSC’s jurisdiction.

**CONSENSUS-BASED RULEMAKING:**  N/A

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