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Mr. Frank Gaynor
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RE: Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) Permit #ME0036862
Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL) #W001013-5C-C-R
Final Permit/WDL

Dear Mr. Gaynor:

Enclosed please find a copy of your **final** MEPDES permit and Maine WDL (permit hereinafter) which was approved by the Department of Environmental Protection. Please read the permit and its attached conditions carefully. You must follow the conditions in the order to satisfy the requirements of law. Any discharge not receiving adequate treatment is in violation of State Law and is subject to enforcement action.

Any interested person aggrieved by a Department determination made pursuant to applicable regulations, may appeal the decision following the procedures described in the attached DEP FACT SHEET entitled "*Appealing a Commissioner's Licensing Decision.*"

If you have any questions regarding the matter, please feel free to call me at 287-7693.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Wood".

Gregg Wood
Division of Water Quality Management
Bureau of Land and Water Quality

Enc.

cc: William Johnson, DEP/CMRO
Sandy Mojica USEPA



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
17 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333

DEPARTMENT ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF

GEM HOSPITALITY GROUP, LLC.) MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
d/b/a/ OCEAN GATE MOTOR INN) ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT
SOUTHPORT, LINCOLN COUNTY, MAINE)
OVERBOARD DISCHARGE) AND
ME0036862) WASTE DISCHARGE LICENSE
W001013-5C-C-R) RENEWAL AND TRANSFER

APPROVAL

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Title 33 USC, Section 1251, Maine Law 38 M.R.S.A., Section 414-A and Department rule 06 096 CMR Chapter 596 et seq., the Department of Environmental Protection (Department hereinafter) has considered the application of the GEM HOSPITALITY GROUP, LLC (GEM/permittee hereinafter) d/b/a/ OCEAN GATE MOTOR INN with its supportive data, agency review comments, and the related material on file and FINDS THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

APPLICATION SUMMARY

GEM has submitted a timely and complete application to the Department for renewal and transfer of combination Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) permit/Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL) #W001013-5C-B-R, (permit hereinafter) issued by the Department on December 6, 2006, for a five-year term. The December 6, 2006, permit was issued to McFarland, Swan and Coston Holdings LLC. The permit authorized the seasonal discharge of no more than 5,000 gallons per day (gpd) of secondary treated sanitary wastewater to the Atlantic Ocean at Townsend Gut, Class SB, in Southport, Maine.

In the application for transfer and renewal received on October 14, 2011, the GEM submitted a copy of a Warranty Deed dated December 29, 2006, in which the Ocean Gate Inn property in Southport was conveyed from McFarland, Swan and Coston Holdings, LLC to GEM Hospitality Group, LLC. The permittee also submitted a copy of a Certificate of Good Standing for GEM issued by the Maine Secretary of State.

PERMIT SUMMARY

This permitting action is carrying forward all the terms and conditions of the December 6, 2006, permit except that this permit is;

- 1) Eliminating the 1/Month monitoring requirement for settleable solids.
- 2) Reducing the monitoring frequency for pH from 2/Week to 1/Month.

CONCLUSIONS

BASED on the findings in the attached Fact Sheet dated November 2, 2011, and subject to the Conditions listed below, the Department makes the following CONCLUSIONS:

1. The discharge, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, will not lower the quality of any classified body of water below such classification.
2. The discharge, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, will not lower the quality of any unclassified body of water below the classification that the Department expects to adopt in accordance with State law.
3. The provisions of the State's ant degradation policy, 38 M.R.S.A. §464(4)(F), will be met, in that:
 - A. Existing in-stream water uses and the level of water quality necessary to protect and maintain those existing uses will be maintained and protected;
 - B. Where high quality waters of the State constitute an outstanding national resource, that water quality will be maintained and protected;
 - C. The standards of classification of the receiving water body are met or, where the standards of classification of the receiving water body are not met, the discharge will not cause or contribute to the failure of the water body to meet the standards of classification;
 - D. Where the actual quality of any classified receiving water body exceeds the minimum standards of the next highest classification that higher water quality will be maintained and protected; and
 - E. Where a discharge will result in lowering the existing water quality of any water body, the Department has made the finding, following opportunity for public participation, that this action is necessary to achieve important economic or social benefits to the State.
4. The discharges will be subject to effluent limitations that require application of best practicable treatment as defined in Maine law, 38 M.R.S.A., §414-A(1)(D).
5. The overboard discharge system was in continuing existence for the 12 months preceding June 1, 1987.
6. A subsurface wastewater disposal system could not be installed in compliance with the Maine Subsurface Waste Water Disposal Rules at the time the renewal application was accepted by the Department.
7. A publicly owned sewer line is not located on or abutting land owned or controlled by the permittee or is not available for the permittee's use.
8. The discharge is not located within the boundaries of a sanitary district or sewer district.

ACTION

THEREFORE, the Department APPROVES the application of GEM HOSPITALITY GROUP, LLC d/b/a the OCEAN GATE MOTOR INN to discharge no more than 5,000 gallons per day of secondary treated sanitary wastewater into the Atlantic Ocean at Townsend Gut, Class SB, Southport, Maine. The discharge will be subject to the following conditions and all applicable standards and regulations including:

1. “*Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Standard Conditions Applicable to All Permits*,” revised July 1, 2002, copy attached.
2. The attached Special Conditions, including any effluent limitations and monitoring requirements.
3. This permit becomes effective upon the date of signature below and expires at midnight five (5) years thereafter. If a renewal application is timely submitted and accepted as complete for processing prior to the expiration of the this permit, the terms and conditions of the this permit and all subsequent modifications and minor revisions thereto remain in effect until a final Department decision on the renewal application becomes effective. [*Maine Administrative Procedure Act, 5 M.R.S.A. § 10002 and Rules Concerning the Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters, 06-096 CMR 2(21)(A) (effective April 1, 2003)*].

PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR GUIDANCE ON APPEAL PROCEDURES

Date of initial receipt of application _____ October 14, 2011 _____.

Date of application acceptance _____ October 18, 2011 _____.

This Order prepared by GREGG WOOD, BUREAU OF LAND & WATER QUALITY

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS – OUTFALL #001

1. The permittee is authorized to discharge secondary treated wastewaters from **Outfall #001** to the Atlantic Ocean at Townsend Gut between May 15 and September 30 (inclusive) of each year. Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below(1):

Effluent Characteristic	Discharge Limitations						Minimum Monitoring Requirements	
	Monthly Average as specified	Weekly Average as specified	Daily Maximum as specified	Monthly Average as specified	Weekly Average as specified	Daily Maximum as specified	Measurement Frequency as specified	Sample Type as specified
Flow(MGD) [50050]	Report GPD [07]	---	5,000 gpd [07]	---	---	---	Continuous [99/99]	Measured [MS]
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD ₅) [00310]	1.3 lbs/day [26]	1.9 lbs/day [26]	2.1 lbs/day [26]	30 mg/L [19]	45 mg/L [19]	50 mg/L [19]	Once/Month ⁽²⁾ [01/30]	Grab [GR]
BOD ₅ % Removal ⁽³⁾ [81010]	---	---	---	85% [23]	---	---	Once/Month ⁽²⁾ [01/30]	Calculate [CA]
Total Suspended Solids (TSS) [00530]	1.3 lbs/day [26]	1.9 lbs/day [26]	2.1 lbs/day [26]	30 mg/L [19]	45 mg/L [19]	50 mg/L [19]	Once/Month ⁽²⁾ [01/30]	Grab [GR]
TSS % Removal ⁽³⁾ [81011]	---	---	---	85% [23]	---	---	Once/Month ⁽²⁾ [01/30]	Calculate [CA]
Settleable Solids [00545]	---	---	---	---	---	0.3 ml/L [25]	---	Grab [GR]
Fecal Coliform Bacteria [31633]	---	---	---	15/100 ml/L ⁽⁴⁾ [13]	---	50/100 ml [13]	Once/Month ⁽²⁾ [01/30]	Grab [GR]
Total Residual Chlorine [50060]	---	---	---	---	---	1.0 mg/L [19]	2/Week [02/07]	Grab [GR]
pH (Std. Unit) [00400]	---	---	---	---	---	6.0 – 9.0 SU [12]	1/Month [01/30]	Grab [GR]

The italicized numeric values bracketed in the table above and on the following pages are code numbers that Department personnel utilize to code the monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports

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Footnotes

1. **Sampling** - Sampling and analysis must be conducted in accordance with; a) methods approved in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 136, b) alternative methods approved by the Department in accordance with the procedures in 40 CFR Part 136, or c) as otherwise specified by the Department. Samples that are sent out for analysis shall be analyzed by a laboratory certified by the State of Maine's Department of Human Services. Samples that are sent to another POTW licensed pursuant to *Waste discharge licenses*, 38 M.R.S.A. § 413 or laboratory facilities that analyze compliance samples in-house are subject to the provisions and restrictions of *Maine Comprehensive and Limited Environmental Laboratory Certification Rules*, 10-144 CMR 263 (last amended February 13, 2000).

All analytical test results shall be reported to the Department including results which are detected below the respective reporting limits (RLs) specified by the Department or as specified by other approved test methods. If a non-detect analytical test result is below the respective RL, the concentration result shall be reported as <Y where Y is the RL achieved by the laboratory for each respective parameter. Reporting a value of <Y that is greater than an established RL or reporting an estimated value ("J" flagged) is not acceptable and will be rejected by the Department. Reporting analytical data and its use in calculations must follow established Department guidelines specified in this permit or in available Department guidance documents.

2. **Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs)** - For the purposes of this report, monthly monitoring reports shall be conducted in June, July, August and September. Monitoring and reporting need only be conducted during the permitted months of operation.
3. **Percent removal** - The treatment facility shall maintain a minimum of 85 percent removal of both biochemical oxygen demand and total suspended solids for all flows receiving secondary treatment. The percent removal shall be calculated based on assumed midrange BOD5 and TSS influent values of 286 mg/L and actual effluent concentration values. The percent removal shall be waived when the monthly average influent concentration is less than 200 mg/L. For instances when this occurs, the facility shall report "NODI-9" on the monthly Discharge Monitoring Report.
4. **Fecal coliform bacteria** – The monthly average limit is a geometric mean limitation and sample results shall be calculated and reported as such on the monthly DMR.

B. ANNUAL DISCHARGE FEES

Pursuant to Maine law, 38 M.R.S.A. §353-B, the permittee is required to pay an applicable annual fee for discharges authorized by this license. Failure to pay an annual fee within 30 days of the billing date of a license is sufficient grounds for revocation of the license, permit or privilege under Maine law, 38 M.R.S.A. §341-D, subsection 3.

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C. NARRATIVE EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

1. The effluent shall not contain a visible oil sheen, foam or floating solids at any time that would impair the usages designated for the classification of the receiving waters.
2. The effluent shall not contain materials in concentrations or combinations which are hazardous or toxic to aquatic life, or which would impair the usages designated for the classification of the receiving waters.
3. The discharge shall not impart color, taste, turbidity, toxicity, radioactivity or other properties that would cause those waters to be unsuitable for the designated uses and characteristics ascribed to their class.
4. Notwithstanding specific conditions of this permit, the effluent must not lower the quality of any classified body of water below such classification, or lower the existing quality of any body of water if the existing quality is higher than the classification.

D. TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR

The person that has direct responsibility for the operation of the treatment facility must hold a minimum of a **Grade II** certificate (or Registered Maine Professional Engineer) pursuant to *Sewerage Treatment Operators*, 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 4171-4182 and *Regulations for Wastewater Operator Certification*, 06-096 CMR 531 (effective May 8, 2006). All proposed contracts for facility operation by any person must be approved by the Department before the permittee may engage the services of the contract operator.

E. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

In accordance with Standard Condition D, the permittee shall notify the Department of the following:

1. Any substantial change or proposed change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into the wastewater collection and treatment system. For the purposes of this section, notice regarding substantial change shall include information on:
 - (a) the quality and quantity of wastewater introduced to the wastewater collection and treatment system; and
 - (b) any anticipated impact caused by the change in the quantity or quality of the wastewater to be discharged from the treatment system.

F. UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGES

The permittee is authorized to discharge only in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit and only from the single existing Outfall 001A. Discharges of wastewater from any other point source are not authorized under this permit, but shall be reported in accordance with Standard Condition B(5), Bypasses, of this permit. Discharges of a volume or quantity of wastewater that were not licensed as of June 1, 1987 are prohibited by this permit. Pursuant to Maine law, 38 M.R.S.A. §464(4)(A)(6), increases in the volume or quantity of wastewater discharged are not authorized by this permit.

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G. CONNECTION TO MUNICIPAL SEWER

All wastewaters designated by the Department as treatable in a municipal treatment system will be cosigned to that system when it is available. This permit will expire 90 days after the municipal treatment facility becomes available, unless this time is extended by the Department in writing.

H. SITE EVALUATION FOR TRANSFERRED AND RENEWED PERMITS

The Department may not grant approval for a **permit transfer** if a site evaluation concludes that a non-discharging wastewater disposal system designed in compliance with the Maine Subsurface Waste Water Disposal Rules administered by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Environmental Health can be installed as a replacement system for the overboard discharge.

The Department may not grant approval for a **permit renewal** if the site evaluation concludes that a non-discharging wastewater disposal system can be installed as a replacement system for the overboard discharge and the Department has offered the permittee funding for the removal of the discharge.

I. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE (O&M) PLAN

This facility shall have a current written comprehensive Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Plan. The plan shall provide a systematic approach by which the permittee shall at all times, properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit.

By December 31 of each year, or within 90 days of any process changes or minor equipment upgrades, the permittee shall evaluate and modify the O&M Plan including site plan(s) and schematic(s) for the wastewater treatment facility to ensure that it is up-to-date. The O&M Plan shall be kept on-site at all times and made available to Department and EPA personnel upon request.

Within 90 days of completion of new and or substantial upgrades of the wastewater treatment facility, the permittee shall submit the updated O&M Plan to their Department inspector for review and comment.

J. REOPENING OF PERMIT FOR MODIFICATIONS

Upon evaluation of the tests results or monitoring requirements specified in Special Conditions of this permitting action, new site specific information, or any other pertinent test results or information obtained during the term of this permit, the Department may, at any time and with notice to the permittee, modify this permit to: (1) include effluent limits necessary to control specific pollutants or whole effluent toxicity where there is a reasonable potential that the effluent may cause water quality criteria to be exceeded; (2) require additional effluent or ambient water quality monitoring if results on file are inconclusive; (3) change monitoring requirements or limitations based on new information; or (4) require elimination of the discharge where an alternative form of wastewater disposal is feasible.

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K. MONITORING AND REPORTING

Monitoring results obtained during the previous month shall be summarized for each month and reported on separate Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) forms provided by the Department and **postmarked on or before the thirteenth (13th) day of the month or hand-delivered to the Department's Regional Office such that the Discharge Monitoring Reports are received by the Department on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month** following the completed reporting period. A signed copy of the DMR and all other reports required herein shall be submitted to the following address:

Overboard Discharge Inspector
Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Land and Water Quality
Division of Water Quality Management
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

L. SEVERABILITY

In the event that any provision or part thereof, of this permit is declared to be unlawful by a reviewing court, the remainder of the permit will remain in full force and effect, and shall be construed and enforced in all respects as if such unlawful provision, or part thereof, had been omitted, unless otherwise ordered by the court.

**MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT
AND
MAINE WASTE DISCHARGE LICENSE**

Date: **November 2, 2011**

MEPDES PERMIT: **ME0036862**
WASTE DISCHARGE LICENSE: **W001013-5C-B-R**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**GEM HOSPITALITY GROUP, LLC
d/b/a Ocean Gate Motor Inn
P.O. Box 240
Southport, Maine 04576**

COUNTY: **Lincoln County**

NAME AND ADDRESS WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**OCEAN GATE MOTOR INN
70 Ocean Gate Road
Southport, Maine 04576**

RECEIVING WATER/CLASSIFICATION: **Atlantic Ocean at Townsend Gut, Class SB**

COGNIZANT OFFICIAL AND TELEPHONE NUMBER:

**Mr. Frank Gaynor, General Partner
(207) 350 -5808
e-mail: frgaynor@oceangateinn.com**

1. APPLICATION SUMMARY

- a. Application - GEM has submitted a timely and complete application to the Department for renewal and transfer of combination Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) permit/Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL) #W001013-5C-B-R, (permit hereinafter) issued by the Department on December 6, 2006, for a five-year term. The December 6, 2006, permit was issued to McFarland, Swan and Coston Holdings LLC. The permit authorized the seasonal discharge of no more than 5,000 gallons per day (gpd) of secondary treated sanitary wastewater to the Atlantic Ocean at Townsend Gut, Class SB, in Southport, Maine. See **Attachment A** of this Fact Sheet for a location map.

1. APPLICATION SUMMARY (cont'd)

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- b. Source description - Sanitary wastewaters are generated from the 48-unit motel facility. The Ocean Gate Motor Inn is located on Southport Island, an island connected to the mainland via a vehicle bridge.
- c. Wastewater treatment - The wastewater currently receives primary treatment from a 5,000-gallon septic tank and secondary treatment from a 55 ft. by 68 ft. (3740 sq. ft.) dual sandfilter bed. The treated wastewater is discharged into the receiving waterbody via a six-inch diameter outfall pipe without a diffuser and with approximately two feet of water over the crown of the pipe at mean low water.

2. PERMIT SUMMARY

- a. Terms and conditions – This permitting action is carrying forward all the terms and conditions of the previous permitting action except that this permit;
 - 1) Eliminating the 1/Month monitoring requirement for settleable solids given settleable solids have not been detected in the discharge for the last three-year period.
 - 2) Reducing the monitoring frequency for pH from 2/Week to 1/Month given the small coefficient of variation and consistency of the data reported to the Department.
- b. History - The most current/relevant regulatory actions regarding the discharge from the facility include:

April 10, 1982 – The EPA received an application for the Ocean Gate Motor Inn. The EPA never acted on the application.

April 8, 1993 – The Department issued WDL #W001013-66-A-R for a ten-year term. WDL #W001013-66-A-R authorized the discharge of up to 5,000 gpd of secondary treated wastewater.

January 12, 2001, The State of Maine received authorization from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to administer the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program in Maine. From that point forward, the program has been referred to as the MEPDES permit program and #ME0036862 has and will be utilized as the primary reference number for the Ocean Gate Motor Inn wastewater treatment facility.

December 6, 2006 – The Department issued combination MEPDES permit #ME0036862/WDL W001013-5L-B-R for a five-year term.

3. CONDITIONS OF PERMITS

Maine law, 38 M.R.S.A. Section 414-A, requires that the effluent limitations prescribed for discharges, including, but not limited to, effluent toxicity, require application of best practicable treatment (BPT), be consistent with the U.S. Clean Water Act, and ensure that the receiving waters attain the State water quality standards as described in Maine's Surface Water Classification System. In addition, 38 M.R.S.A., Section 420 and Department rule 06-096 CMR Chapter 530, *Surface Water Toxics Control Program*, require the regulation of toxic substances not to exceed levels set forth in Department rule 06-096 CMR Chapter 584, *Surface Water Quality Criteria for Toxic Pollutants*, and that ensure safe levels for the discharge of toxic pollutants such that existing and designated uses of surface waters are maintained and protected.

4. RECEIVING WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

Maine law, 38 M.R.S.A., Section 469, classifies Townsend Gut at the point of discharge as Class SB waters. Maine law, 38 M.R.S.A., Section 465-B(2) describes the classification standards for Class SB water as follows;

Class SB waters must be of such quality that they are suitable for the designated uses of recreation in and on the water, fishing, aquaculture, propagation and harvesting of shellfish, industrial process and cooling water supply, hydroelectric power generation, navigation and as habitat for fish and other estuarine and marine life. The habitat must be characterized as unimpaired.

The dissolved oxygen content of Class SB waters must be not less than 85% of saturation. Between May 15th and September 30th, the numbers of enterococcus bacteria of human and domestic animal origin in these waters may not exceed a geometric mean of 8 per 100 milliliters or an instantaneous level of 54 per 100 milliliters. In determining human and domestic animal origin, the department shall assess licensed and unlicensed sources using available diagnostic procedures. The numbers of total coliform bacteria or other specified indicator organisms in samples representative of the waters in shellfish harvesting areas may not exceed the criteria recommended under the National Shellfish Sanitation Program, United States Food and Drug Administration.

Discharges to Class SB waters may not cause adverse impact to estuarine and marine life in that the receiving waters must be of sufficient quality to support all estuarine and marine species indigenous to the receiving water without detrimental changes in the resident biological community. There may be no new discharge to Class SB waters that would cause closure of open shellfish areas by the Department of Marine Resources. For the purpose of allowing the discharge of aquatic pesticides approved by the department for the control of mosquito-borne diseases in the interest of public health and safety, the department may find that the discharged effluent will not cause adverse impact to estuarine and marine life as long as the materials and methods used provide protection for non-target species. When the department issues a license for the discharge of aquatic pesticides authorized under this paragraph, the department shall notify the municipality in which the application is licensed to occur and post the notice on the department's publicly accessible website.

5. RECEIVING WATER QUALITY CONDITIONS

The State of Maine, Department of Environmental Protection, 2010 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report (305b) report published by the Department includes waterbody #730-3, including DMR Legal Notice Closed Area #21-F, [Lower Sheepscot River and Sheepscot Bay (Georgetown, Southport)] in a table entitled, *Category 2: Estuarine And Marine Waters Attaining Some Designated Uses, Insufficient Data Information For Other Uses*. “Insufficient information for other uses” in this context refers to the designated use of shellfish harvesting. See **Attachment B** of this Fact Sheet for a location map of DMR Area 21-F.

The Maine Department of Marine Resources (DMR) assesses information on shellfish growing areas to ensure that shellfish harvested are safe for consumption. The DMR has authority to close shellfish harvesting areas wherever there is a pollution source, a potential pollution threat, or poor water quality. The DMR traditionally closes shellfish harvesting areas if there are known sources of discharges with unacceptable bacteria levels (in-stream thresholds established in the National Shellfish Sanitation Program) or maintains shellfish harvesting closure areas due to lack of updated information regarding ambient water quality conditions. In addition, the DMR prohibits shellfish harvesting in the immediate vicinity of all wastewater treatment outfall pipes as a precautionary measure in the event of a failure in the treatment plant’s disinfection system. Thus, shellfish harvesting area #21-F is closed to the harvesting of shellfish due to insufficient or limited ambient water quality data to determine that the area meets the standards in the National Shellfish Sanitation Program. This Department is making the determination that compliance with the fecal coliform bacteria and other secondary wastewater treatment limits established in this permitting action ensure that the discharge of secondary treated wastewater from the permittee’s OBD system will not cause or contribute to the failure of the receiving waters to meet the standards of its designated classification.

6. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

- a. **Best Practicable Treatment (BPT)** - Overboard discharges may be permitted only where no technologically proven alternative exists. Overboard discharge treatment systems must be capable of meeting secondary treatment standards as described in CMR Chapter 525, Section 3 unless the Department finds that alternate limits are appropriate.
 - (1) The applicant has demonstrated that connection to a municipal sewerage system is not possible because one is not located on or abutting land owned or controlled by the applicant.
 - (2) The discharge is from a seasonal multi-unit facility and the applicant has demonstrated that a subsurface wastewater system is not practicable on land owned or controlled by the applicant in conformance with the State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules at this time. In correspondence in the application for permit renewal, the applicant’s Licensed Site Evaluator conducted an inspection of the permittee’s property in September 2011 and has determined that there is not a subsurface option because of the shallow depth to bedrock. A holding tank is not considered best practicable treatment for a commercial facility with a discharge volume of 5,000 gpd.
 - (3) The existing treatment system is capable of meeting secondary treatment standards and is appropriate technology for the wastewater being discharged.

6. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)

- b. Flow - The previous permitting action established a seasonal (May 15 – September 30) daily maximum flow limitation of 5,000 gpd along with a monthly average reporting requirement that are being carried forward in this permitting action. The discharge duration and volume limits are based on the demonstrated use as a seasonal facility during the qualifying period between June 1, 1986 and June 1, 1987, as required under the provisions of Maine law, 38 MRSA, §464(4)(A)(6). The previous

A review of the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) for the period June 2008 – August 2011 indicates values have been reported as follows:

Flow (DMRs=15)

Value	Limit (gpd)	Range (gpd)	Mean (gpd)
Monthly Average	Report	818 – 3,417	1,880
Daily Maximum	5,000	1,410 – 4,855	3,442

- c. Dilution Factors - Department Regulation Chapter 530, *Surface Water Toxics Control Program*, §4(A)(2)(b) states “*For discharges to estuaries, dilution must be calculated using a method such as MERGE, CORMIX or another predictive model determined by the Department to be appropriate for the site conditions.*”

Based on the information provided by permittee on the configuration of the outfall pipe, the Department has made a best professional judgment determination that the dilution factors associated with the discharge of up to 5,000 gpd are as follows:

Acute = 364:1 Chronic = 1,116:1 Harmonic mean = 1,092:1

The dilution factors are being carried forward in this permitting action as they remain representative of mixing conditions of the discharged effluent with the receiving water.

- d. Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD₅) & Total Suspended Solids (TSS) - The previous licensing action established monthly average, weekly average and daily maximum BOD₅ and TSS best practicable treatment (BPT) concentration limits of 30 mg/L, 45 mg/L and 50 mg/L, respectively. The monthly average BOD₅ and TSS concentration limits are based on secondary treatment requirements of Department rule, 06-096 CMR Chapter 525(3)(III). The maximum daily BOD₅ and TSS concentration limits of 50 mg/L are based on a Department best professional judgment of BPT. These concentration limits are being carried forward in this permitting action.

As for mass limitations, the previous permitting action establish monthly average, weekly average and daily maximum limitations based on the daily maximum flow limit of 5,000 gpd (0.005 MGD) and the applicable concentration limits. The limitations were calculated as follows:

Monthly average: (0.005 MGD)(8.34)(30 mg/L) = 1.3 lbs/day
 Weekly average: (0.005 MGD)(8.34)(45 mg/L) = 1.9 lbs/day
 Daily maximum: (0.005 MGD)(8.34)(50 mg/L) = 2.1 lbs/day

6. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)

The previous permitting action also established a requirement for a minimum of 85% removal of BOD₅ and TSS pursuant to Chapter 525(3)(III)(a)(3) and (b)(3) of the Department’s rules. The Ocean Gate Motor Inn wastewater treatment system does not contain an influent sampling location that is representative of raw wastewater conditions. According to the USEPA’s Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Manual, dated February 2002, table 3-7 entitled “Constituent Mass Loadings and Concentrations in Typical Residential Wastewater” high end range of values, influent values for BOD₅ and TSS may be assumed to be 286 mg/L. This permitting action is carrying forward authorization for the Ocean Gate Motor Inn to assume a midrange influent BOD₅ and TSS concentration value of 286 mg/L for purposes of calculating the monthly percent removal value until such time that the infrastructure is modified or replaced such that collection of a representative raw influent sample is practical, but shall meet the 30 mg/L limit for TSS and BOD₅.

The seasonal 1/Month (June, July, August and September) monitoring frequencies for BOD₅ and TSS are being carried forward from the previous permitting action.

A review of the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) for the period June 2008 – August 2011 indicates values have been reported as follows:

BOD Mass (DMRs = 14)

Value	Limit (lbs/day)	Range (lbs/day)	Mean (lbs/day)
Monthly Average	1.3	0.04 – 0.8	0.2
Weekly Average	1.9	0.04 – 0.8	0.2
Daily Maximum	2.1	0.04 – 0.8	0.2

BOD Concentration (DMRs = 14)

Value	Limit (mg/L)	Range (mg/L)	Mean (mg/L)
Monthly Average	30	2 – 23	10
Weekly Average	45	2 – 23	10
Daily Maximum	50	2 – 23	10

TSS mass (DMRs = 15)

Value	Limit (lbs/day)	Range (lbs/day)	Mean (lbs/day)
Monthly Average	1.3	0.04 – 8.0	0.2
Weekly Average	1.9	0.04 – 8.0	0.2
Daily Maximum	2.1	0.04 – 8.0	0.2

TSS concentration (DMRs = 15)

Value	Limit (mg/L)	Range (mg/L)	Mean (mg/L)
Monthly Average	30	4 - 14	7
Weekly Average	45	4 – 14	7
Daily Maximum	50	4 - 14	7

6. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)

BOD % Removal (DMRs=14)

Value	Limit (%)	Range (%)	Average (%)
Monthly Average	85	92 - 99	97

TSS % Removal (DMRs=14)

Value	Limit (%)	Range (%)	Average (%)
Monthly Average	85	95 - 99	98

- e. Settleable Solids - The previous permitting action established a daily maximum technology based limitation of 0.3 ml/L that is being carried forward in this permitting action pursuant to Department rule, 06-096 CMR Chapter 525(3)(III).

A review of the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) for the period June 2008 – August 2011 indicates values have been reported as follows:

Settleable solids (DMRs=14)

Value	Limit (ml/L)	Range (ml/L)	Average ml/L)
Daily maximum	0.3	0 - 0	0

Given the permittee has not reported a detectable level of settleable solids in the last three years, the Department is eliminating the monitoring requirement of 1/Month. It is noted the daily maximum limitation is in effect and enforceable but the Department is not requiring the permittee to continue to demonstrate on-going compliance with said limit.

- f. Fecal Coliform Bacteria -The previous permitting action established water quality based limitations of 15 colonies/100 ml as a monthly average (geometric mean) and 50 colonies/100 ml based on the National Shellfish Sanitation Program. The limitations are in effect while this seasonally limited discharge occurs.

Fecal coliform bacteria (DMRs=14)

Value	Limit (col/100 ml)	Range (col/100 ml)	Mean (col/100 ml)
Monthly Average	15	<2 - 27	4
Daily Maximum	50	<2 - 27	4

6. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)

- g. Total Residual Chlorine (TRC) - Limits for TRC are specified to ensure that ambient water quality standards are maintained and that BPT is being applied to the discharge. The Department imposes the more stringent of the water quality or technology based limits in permitting actions. End-of-pipe water quality based concentration thresholds may be calculated as follows:

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Acute Criterion</u>	<u>Acute Dilution Factor</u>	<u>Daily Max Limit</u>
Chlorine	0.013 mg/L	364:1	4.73 mg/L
<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Chronic Criterion</u>	<u>Chronic Dilution Factor</u>	<u>Daily Max. Limit</u>
Chlorine	0.0075mg/L	1,116:1	8.37 mg/L

The Department has established a daily maximum BPT limitation of 1.0 mg/L for facilities that disinfect their effluent with elemental chlorine or chlorine-based compounds. For facilities that dechlorinate the discharge in order to meet water quality based thresholds, the Department has established daily maximum and monthly average BPT limits of 0.3 mg/L and 0.1 mg/L, respectively. The permittee does not have to dechlorinate the effluent to achieve compliance with water quality-based limitations.

The daily maximum technology-based effluent TRC concentration limitation of 1.0 mg/L is more stringent than either calculated water quality-based threshold above. TRC monitoring is required any time chlorine-based compounds are in use for effluent disinfection. This permitting action is carrying forward the minimum monitoring frequency of twice weekly [02/07] based on Department guidance for overboard discharge (OBD) systems permitted to discharge between 5,000 gpd and 9,999 gpd.

A review of the monthly DMR data for the period May 2008 – August 2011 indicates the permittee has reported values as follows:

Total residual chlorine (DMRs=14)

Value	Limit (mg/L)	Range (mg/L)	Mean (mg/L)
Daily Maximum	1.0	0.7 – 1.0	0.9

- h. pH – The previous permitting action established a pH range limit of 6.0 –9.0 standard units pursuant to Department rule found at Chapter 525(3)(III)(c). The limits are considered BPT and are being carried forward in this permitting action. The DMR data for the period May 2008 – August 2011 indicates the pH range has been reported as follows;

pH (DMRs=14)

Value	Limit (su)	Low (su)	High (su)
Range	6.0 – 9.0	6.7	7.6

Given the consistency of the data reported to the Department, this permitting action is reducing the monitoring frequency from 2/Week to 1/Month.

6. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)

- i. Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET), Priority Pollutant, and Analytical Chemistry Testing: Maine law, 38 M.R.S.A., §414-A and §420, prohibit the discharge of effluents containing substances in amounts that would cause the surface waters of the State to contain toxic substances above levels set forth in Federal Water Quality Criteria as established by the USEPA. Department rule, 06-096 CMR Chapter 530, *Surface Water Toxics Control Program* (toxics rule) sets forth effluent monitoring requirements and procedures to establish safe levels for the discharge of toxic pollutants such that existing and designated uses of surface waters are maintained and protected and narrative and numeric water quality criteria are met. Department rule 06-096 CMR Chapter 584, *Surface Water Quality Criteria for Toxic Pollutants*, sets forth ambient water quality criteria (AWQC) for toxic pollutants and procedures necessary to control levels of toxic pollutants in surface waters.

The previous permitting action did not establish whole effluent toxicity (WET) testing or chemical specific testing requirements pursuant to Chapter 530. Chapter 530 Section (2)(A) specifies the dischargers subject to the rule as, “*all licensed dischargers of industrial process wastewater or domestic wastes discharging to surface waters of the State must meet the testing requirements of this section. Dischargers of other types of wastewater are subject to this subsection when and if the Department determines that toxicity of effluents may have reasonable potential to cause or contribute to exceedences of narrative or numerical water quality criteria.*”

Chapter 530(2)(A) specifies the criteria for exemption of certain discharges from toxics testing as follows:

- (1) *Discharges from individual discharge points licensed to discharge less than 50,000 gallons per day of solely domestic wastewater and with a chronic dilution factor of at least 50 to 1, provided no holding tank wastes containing chemicals are accepted by the facility;*
- (2) *Discharges from residential overboard discharge systems; or*
- (3) *Discharges from combined sewer overflow discharge points, provided the owner of the sewerage system is conducting or participating in a discharge abatement program.*

This permitting action limits the seasonal discharge to 5,000 gpd of solely domestic wastewater and has a chronic dilution factor of 1,116:1. Therefore, the facility qualifies for an exemption from toxics testing and this permitting action is not establishing toxics testing requirements.

7. DISCHARGE IMPACT ON RECEIVING WATER QUALITY

The overboard discharge treatment system has been inspected by the Department annually over the past five years. The treatment system was consistently found to be in compliance with the inspection criteria. As permitted, the Department has determined the existing water uses will be maintained and protected and the discharge will not cause or contribute to the failure of the waterbody to meet standards for Class SB classification.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public notice of this application was made in the Boothbay Register on October 13, 2011. The Department receives public comments on an application until the date a final agency action is taken on that application. Those persons receiving copies of draft permits shall have at least 30 days in which to submit comments on the draft or to request a public hearing, pursuant to Chapter 522 of the Department's rules.

9. DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

Additional information concerning this permitting action may be obtained from and written comments should be sent to:

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10. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

During the period of November 2, 2011, through the issuance date of the permit/license, the Department solicited comments on the proposed draft permit/license to be issued for the discharge(s) from the permittee's facility. The Department received a letter dated November 14, 2011, from Mr. Christopher O. Bursaw of Southport, Maine, commenting on the draft permit. Therefore, the Department has prepared responses to Mr. Bursaw's comments.

Comment #1: Mr. Bursaw contends the discharge will jeopardize the safety of his children, family and friends who swim in the receiving water. In addition, Mr. Bursaw requests that the permittee find another way to dispose of the sewage such as trucking it to a waste water treatment facility.

Response #1: The Department interprets the statement of jeopardizing the safety of family and friends to mean the risk of adverse health effects associated with the discharge of bacteria. The permit is written with numeric water quality based monthly average and daily maximum fecal coliform bacteria effluent limitations that are protective of the designated use of recreation in and on the water which includes swimming, pursuant to Maine laws 38 M.R.S.A., §465-B(2). The risk from contracting a gastrointestinal illness in the cove in Southport is no greater than the risk in other waterbody on the coast of Maine with OBD discharges. The Department is not aware of any reports issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the Maine Bureau of Health indicating fecal coliform bacteria limits established in this permit are not protective of the designated use of swimming.

10. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS (cont'd)

As for alternatives to the discharge, the Department has made the determination the discharge receives best practicable treatment (BPT) pursuant to Maine law 38 M.R.S.A., §414-A(1)(D) and Department rule 06-096 CMR Chapter 596, *Overboard Discharges; Licensing and Abandonment*. Chapter 596 §9A states;

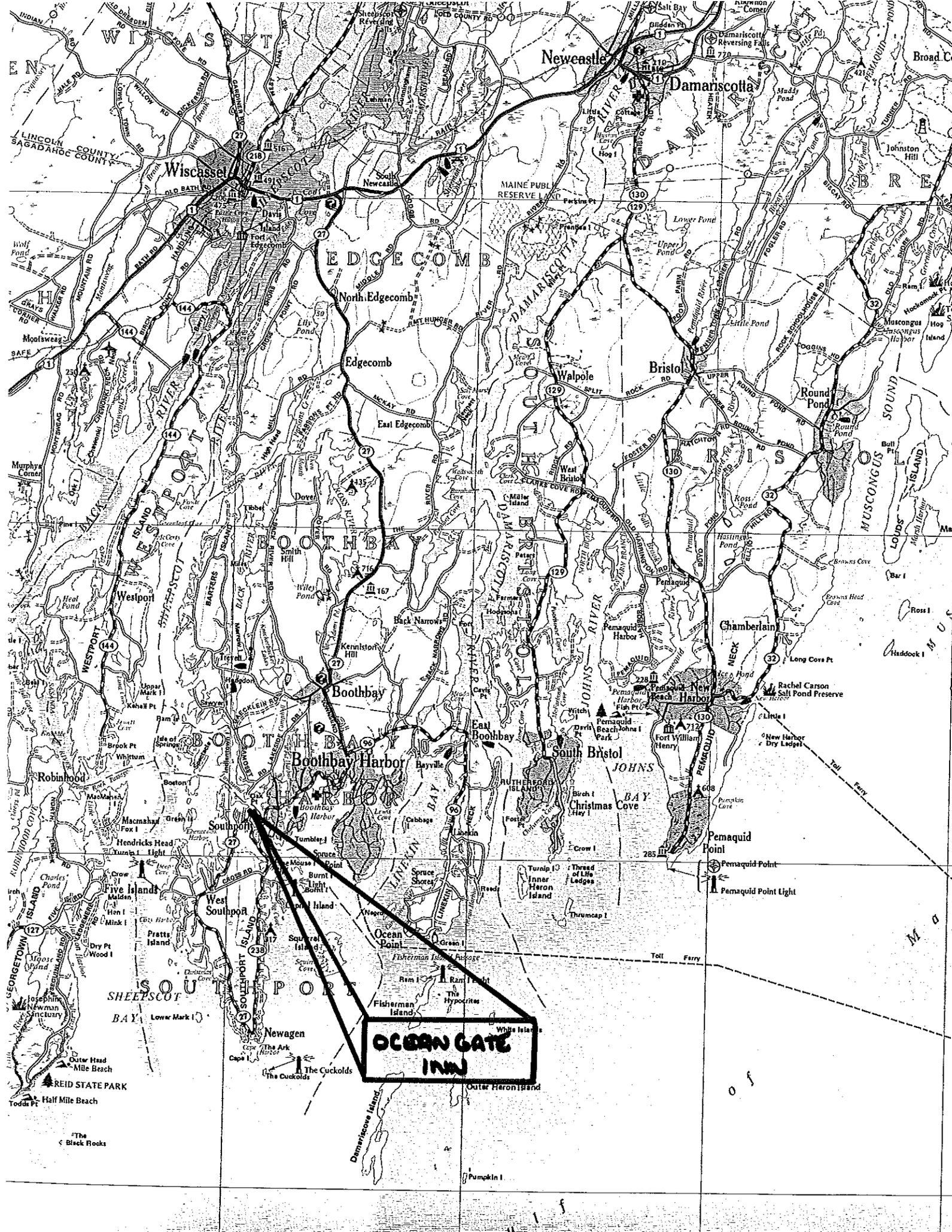
All overboard discharge wastewater must receive best practicable treatment as follows.

- (1) A non-discharging wastewater disposal system designed and installed in compliance with the Subsurface Rules, 10-144 CMR 241, or connection to a publicly owned sewage collection and treatment system.*
- (2) A holding tank, where Section 9, Paragraph (A)(1), of this chapter is not feasible, and the facility is a seasonal residential overboard discharge located on the mainland or an island connected by vehicle bridge or scheduled car ferry service as long as the discharge's removal, alone or in conjunction with other discharges would result in the opening of a shellfish harvesting area.*
- (3) Where Section 9, Paragraph (A)(1) of this chapter has been demonstrated not feasible and the conditions described in Paragraph 2 and 4 of this subsection are not applicable, a septic tank followed by treatment in a sand filter bed followed by disinfection is deemed best practicable treatment. The sand filter must be of a Department approved design and must be sized to provide a minimum treatment area of one gallon per square foot per day.*
- (4) Where kitchen waste water or similar effluents containing a significant quantity of oil or grease are discharged, or where small property lot sizes will not accommodate the installation of a sand filter, a mechanical treatment system using an aeration and settling process followed by disinfection shall be deemed best practicable treatment. The licensee must maintain a service contract with a person certified pursuant to 06-096 CMR 517 of the Department's Rules.*

The October 14, 2011, application for permit renewal contained a letter from a licensed Site Evaluator indicating an investigation of the Ocean Gate Resort property was conducted in September 2011, and it was determined not to be suitable for the installation of a subsurface waste water disposal system. Being that the sub-surface system is not an option, the next item in the Chapter 596 hierarchy is a holding tank. However, the Department can only impose the holding tank (which would need to be pumped regularly and trucked to a waste water treatment facility) if it met the criteria in Chapter 596(A)(2) above. The Ocean Gate discharge is not a residential discharge and the removal of the Ocean Gate discharge will not result in the opening of shellfish harvesting area due to other OBD discharges in the area. Lastly, the Ocean Gate Resort already has a sandfilter which constitutes BPT and the facility has been in substantial compliance with the past discharge permits.

Therefore, the Department has made the determination that the discharge meets BPT criteria pursuant to Maine law and Chapter 596, and the Department can not compel the permittee to eliminate the discharge at this time.

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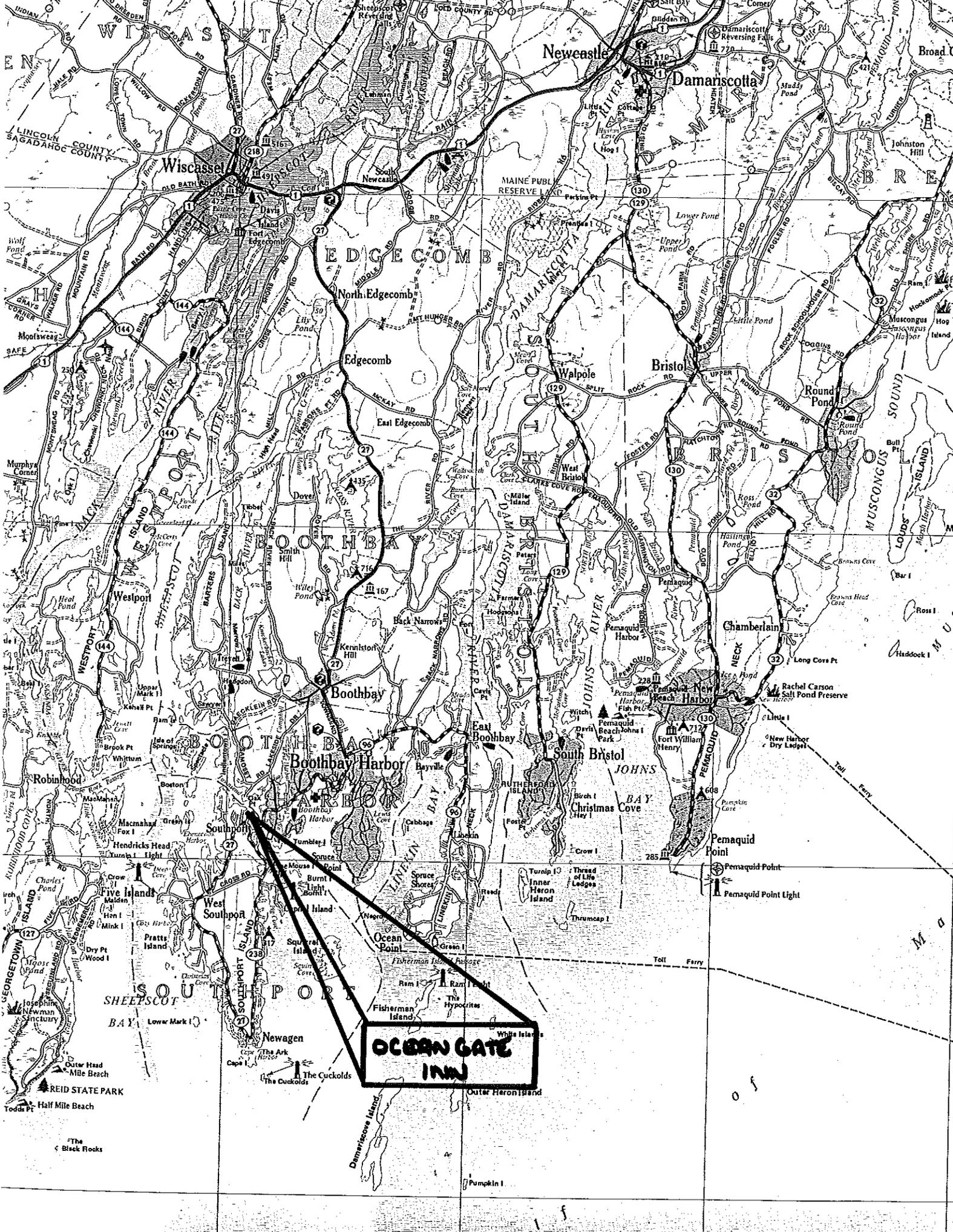
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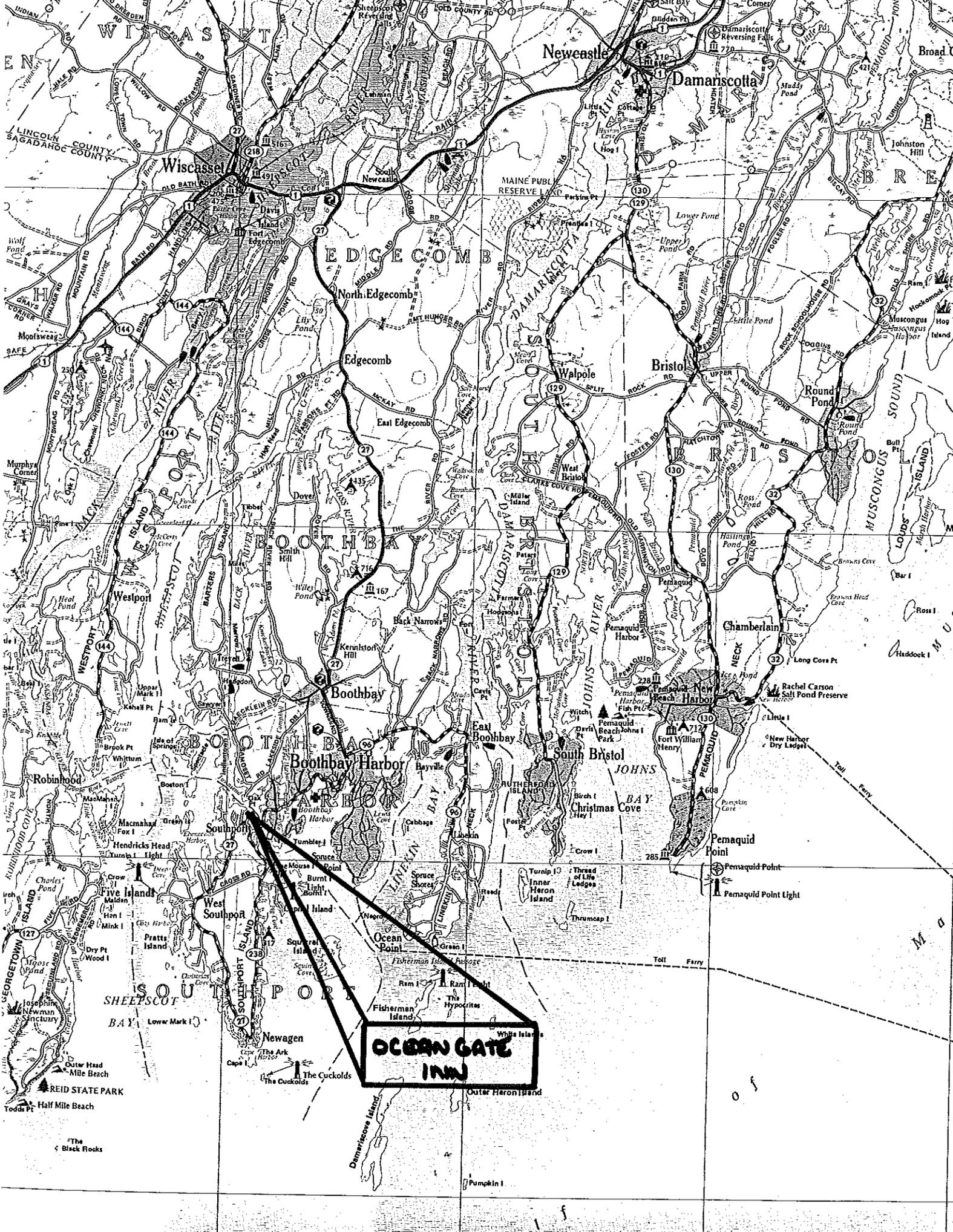
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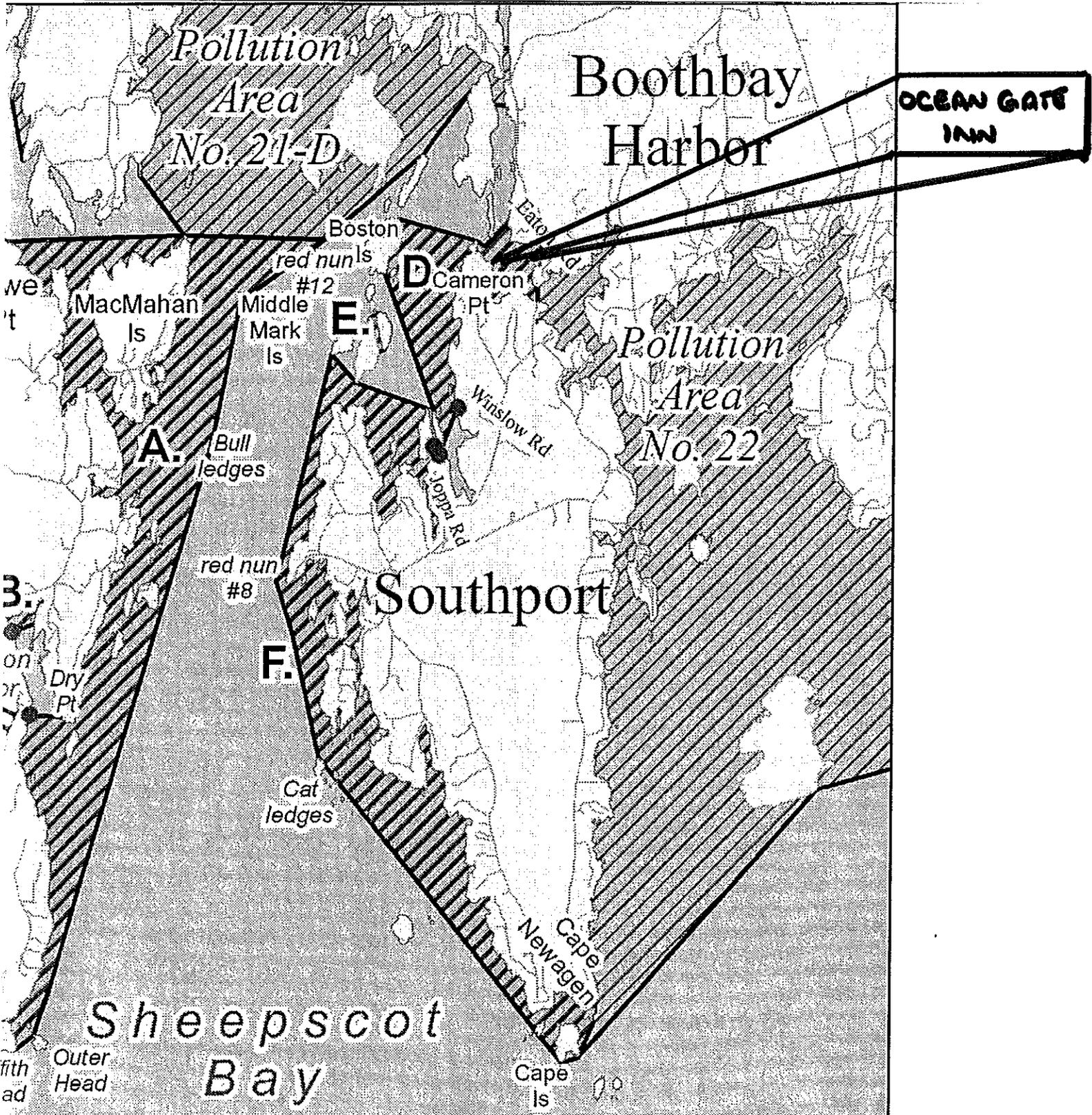


Maine Department of Marine Resources Pollution Area No. 21-F

Lower Sheepscot River and Sheepscot Bay (Georgetown, Southport)



4/29/11



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A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. General compliance. All discharges shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of this permit; any changes in production capacity or process modifications which result in changes in the quantity or the characteristics of the discharge must be authorized by an additional license or by modifications of this permit; it shall be a violation of the terms and conditions of this permit to discharge any pollutant not identified and authorized herein or to discharge in excess of the rates or quantities authorized herein or to violate any other conditions of this permit.

2. Other materials. Other materials ordinarily produced or used in the operation of this facility, which have been specifically identified in the application, may be discharged at the maximum frequency and maximum level identified in the application, provided:

- (a) They are not
 - (i) Designated as toxic or hazardous under the provisions of Sections 307 and 311, respectively, of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; Title 38, Section 420, Maine Revised Statutes; or other applicable State Law; or
 - (ii) Known to be hazardous or toxic by the licensee.
- (b) The discharge of such materials will not violate applicable water quality standards.

3. Duty to comply. The permittee must comply with all conditions of this permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of State law and the Clean Water Act and is grounds for enforcement action; for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; or denial of a permit renewal application.

- (a) The permittee shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act, and 38 MRSA, §420 or Chapter 530.5 for toxic pollutants within the time provided in the regulations that establish these standards or prohibitions, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.
- (b) Any person who violates any provision of the laws administered by the Department, including without limitation, a violation of the terms of any order, rule license, permit, approval or decision of the Board or Commissioner is subject to the penalties set forth in 38 MRSA, §349.

4. Duty to provide information. The permittee shall furnish to the Department, within a reasonable time, any information which the Department may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit or to determine compliance with this permit. The permittee shall also furnish to the Department upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit.

5. Permit actions. This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause. The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any permit condition.

6. Reopener clause. The Department reserves the right to make appropriate revisions to this permit in order to establish any appropriate effluent limitations, schedule of compliance or other provisions which may be authorized under 38 MRSA, §414-A(5).

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7. Oil and hazardous substances. Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities or penalties to which the permittee is or may be subject under section 311 of the Federal Clean Water Act; section 106 of the Federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980; or 38 MRSA §§ 1301, et. seq.

8. Property rights. This permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege.

9. Confidentiality of records. 38 MRSA §414(6) reads as follows. "Any records, reports or information obtained under this subchapter is available to the public, except that upon a showing satisfactory to the department by any person that any records, reports or information, or particular part or any record, report or information, other than the names and addresses of applicants, license applications, licenses, and effluent data, to which the department has access under this subchapter would, if made public, divulge methods or processes that are entitled to protection as trade secrets, these records, reports or information must be confidential and not available for public inspection or examination. Any records, reports or information may be disclosed to employees or authorized representatives of the State or the United States concerned with carrying out this subchapter or any applicable federal law, and to any party to a hearing held under this section on terms the commissioner may prescribe in order to protect these confidential records, reports and information, as long as this disclosure is material and relevant to any issue under consideration by the department."

10. Duty to reapply. If the permittee wishes to continue an activity regulated by this permit after the expiration date of this permit, the permittee must apply for and obtain a new permit.

11. Other laws. The issuance of this permit does not authorize any injury to persons or property or invasion of other property rights, nor does it relieve the permittee of its obligation to comply with other applicable Federal, State or local laws and regulations.

12. Inspection and entry. The permittee shall allow the Department, or an authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as a representative of the EPA Administrator), upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:

- (a) Enter upon the permittee's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
- (b) Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
- (c) Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and
- (d) Sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the Clean Water Act, any substances or parameters at any location.

B. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES

1. General facility requirements.

- (a) The permittee shall collect all waste flows designated by the Department as requiring treatment and discharge them into an approved waste treatment facility in such a manner as to

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- maximize removal of pollutants unless authorization to the contrary is obtained from the Department.
- (b) The permittee shall at all times maintain in good working order and operate at maximum efficiency all waste water collection, treatment and/or control facilities.
 - (c) All necessary waste treatment facilities will be installed and operational prior to the discharge of any wastewaters.
 - (d) Final plans and specifications must be submitted to the Department for review prior to the construction or modification of any treatment facilities.
 - (e) The permittee shall install flow measuring facilities of a design approved by the Department.
 - (f) The permittee must provide an outfall of a design approved by the Department which is placed in the receiving waters in such a manner that the maximum mixing and dispersion of the wastewaters will be achieved as rapidly as possible.

2. Proper operation and maintenance. The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems which are installed by a permittee only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.

3. Need to halt or reduce activity not a defense. It shall not be a defense for a permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.

4. Duty to mitigate. The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge or sludge use or disposal in violation of this permit which has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.

5. Bypasses.

- (a) Definitions.
 - (i) Bypass means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility.
 - (ii) Severe property damage means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities which causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources which can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a bypass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production.
- (b) Bypass not exceeding limitations. The permittee may allow any bypass to occur which does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded, but only if it also is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. These bypasses are not subject to the provisions of paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section.
- (c) Notice.
 - (i) Anticipated bypass. If the permittee knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it shall submit prior notice, if possible at least ten days before the date of the bypass.

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- (ii) Unanticipated bypass. The permittee shall submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required in paragraph D(1)(f), below. (24-hour notice).
- (d) Prohibition of bypass.
 - (i) Bypass is prohibited, and the Department may take enforcement action against a permittee for bypass, unless:
 - (A) Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;
 - (B) There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back-up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a bypass which occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance; and
 - (C) The permittee submitted notices as required under paragraph (c) of this section.
 - (ii) The Department may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the Department determines that it will meet the three conditions listed above in paragraph (d)(i) of this section.

6. Upsets.

- (a) Definition. Upset means an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology based permit effluent limitations because of factors beyond the reasonable control of the permittee. An upset does not include noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or careless or improper operation.
- (b) Effect of an upset. An upset constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with such technology based permit effluent limitations if the requirements of paragraph (c) of this section are met. No determination made during administrative review of claims that noncompliance was caused by upset, and before an action for noncompliance, is final administrative action subject to judicial review.
- (c) Conditions necessary for a demonstration of upset. A permittee who wishes to establish the affirmative defense of upset shall demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence that:
 - (i) An upset occurred and that the permittee can identify the cause(s) of the upset;
 - (ii) The permitted facility was at the time being properly operated; and
 - (iii) The permittee submitted notice of the upset as required in paragraph D(1)(f) , below. (24 hour notice).
 - (iv) The permittee complied with any remedial measures required under paragraph B(4).
- (d) Burden of proof. In any enforcement proceeding the permittee seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof.

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C. MONITORING AND RECORDS

1. General Requirements. This permit shall be subject to such monitoring requirements as may be reasonably required by the Department including the installation, use and maintenance of monitoring equipment or methods (including, where appropriate, biological monitoring methods). The permittee shall provide the Department with periodic reports on the proper Department reporting form of monitoring results obtained pursuant to the monitoring requirements contained herein.

2. Representative sampling. Samples and measurements taken as required herein shall be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored discharge. If effluent limitations are based wholly or partially on quantities of a product processed, the permittee shall ensure samples are representative of times when production is taking place. Where discharge monitoring is required when production is less than 50%, the resulting data shall be reported as a daily measurement but not included in computation of averages, unless specifically authorized by the Department.

3. Monitoring and records.

- (a) Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity.
- (b) Except for records of monitoring information required by this permit related to the permittee's sewage sludge use and disposal activities, which shall be retained for a period of at least five years, the permittee shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit, for a period of at least 3 years from the date of the sample, measurement, report or application. This period may be extended by request of the Department at any time.
- (c) Records of monitoring information shall include:
 - (i) The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
 - (ii) The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
 - (iii) The date(s) analyses were performed;
 - (iv) The individual(s) who performed the analyses;
 - (v) The analytical techniques or methods used; and
 - (vi) The results of such analyses.
- (d) Monitoring results must be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR part 136, unless other test procedures have been specified in the permit.
- (e) State law provides that any person who tampers with or renders inaccurate any monitoring devices or method required by any provision of law, or any order, rule license, permit approval or decision is subject to the penalties set forth in 38 MRSA, §349.

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D. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. Reporting requirements.

- (a) Planned changes. The permittee shall give notice to the Department as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility. Notice is required only when:
 - (i) The alteration or addition to a permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source in 40 CFR 122.29(b); or
 - (ii) The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants which are subject neither to effluent limitations in the permit, nor to notification requirements under Section D(4).
 - (iii) The alteration or addition results in a significant change in the permittee's sludge use or disposal practices, and such alteration, addition, or change may justify the application of permit conditions that are different from or absent in the existing permit, including notification of additional use or disposal sites not reported during the permit application process or not reported pursuant to an approved land application plan;
- (b) Anticipated noncompliance. The permittee shall give advance notice to the Department of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements.
- (c) Transfers. This permit is not transferable to any person except upon application to and approval of the Department pursuant to 38 MRSA, § 344 and Chapters 2 and 522.
- (d) Monitoring reports. Monitoring results shall be reported at the intervals specified elsewhere in this permit.
 - (i) Monitoring results must be reported on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) or forms provided or specified by the Department for reporting results of monitoring of sludge use or disposal practices.
 - (ii) If the permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by the permit using test procedures approved under 40 CFR part 136 or as specified in the permit, the results of this monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the DMR or sludge reporting form specified by the Department.
 - (iii) Calculations for all limitations which require averaging of measurements shall utilize an arithmetic mean unless otherwise specified by the Department in the permit.
- (e) Compliance schedules. Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of this permit shall be submitted no later than 14 days following each schedule date.
- (f) Twenty-four hour reporting.
 - (i) The permittee shall report any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment. Any information shall be provided orally within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. A written submission shall also be provided within 5 days of the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. The written submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance

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has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance.

(ii) The following shall be included as information which must be reported within 24 hours under this paragraph.

(A) Any unanticipated bypass which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit.

(B) Any upset which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit.

(C) Violation of a maximum daily discharge limitation for any of the pollutants listed by the Department in the permit to be reported within 24 hours.

(iii) The Department may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis for reports under paragraph (f)(ii) of this section if the oral report has been received within 24 hours.

(g) Other noncompliance. The permittee shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported under paragraphs (d), (e), and (f) of this section, at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in paragraph (f) of this section.

(h) Other information. Where the permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application, or submitted incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to the Department, it shall promptly submit such facts or information.

2. Signatory requirement. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Department shall be signed and certified as required by Chapter 521, Section 5 of the Department's rules. State law provides that any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation or certification in any application, record, report, plan or other document filed or required to be maintained by any order, rule, permit, approval or decision of the Board or Commissioner is subject to the penalties set forth in 38 MRSA, §349.

3. Availability of reports. Except for data determined to be confidential under A(9), above, all reports prepared in accordance with the terms of this permit shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Department. As required by State law, effluent data shall not be considered confidential. Knowingly making any false statement on any such report may result in the imposition of criminal sanctions as provided by law.

4. Existing manufacturing, commercial, mining, and silvicultural dischargers. In addition to the reporting requirements under this Section, all existing manufacturing, commercial, mining, and silvicultural dischargers must notify the Department as soon as they know or have reason to believe:

(a) That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in the discharge, on a routine or frequent basis, of any toxic pollutant which is not limited in the permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following "notification levels":

(i) One hundred micrograms per liter (100 ug/l);

(ii) Two hundred micrograms per liter (200 ug/l) for acrolein and acrylonitrile; five hundred micrograms per liter (500 ug/l) for 2,4-dinitrophenol and for 2-methyl-4,6-dinitrophenol; and one milligram per liter (1 mg/l) for antimony;

(iii) Five (5) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the permit application in accordance with Chapter 521 Section 4(g)(7); or

(iv) The level established by the Department in accordance with Chapter 523 Section 5(f).

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- (b) That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in any discharge, on a non-routine or infrequent basis, of a toxic pollutant which is not limited in the permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following "notification levels":
- (i) Five hundred micrograms per liter (500 ug/l);
 - (ii) One milligram per liter (1 mg/l) for antimony;
 - (iii) Ten (10) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the permit application in accordance with Chapter 521 Section 4(g)(7); or
 - (iv) The level established by the Department in accordance with Chapter 523 Section 5(f).

5. Publicly owned treatment works.

- (a) All POTWs must provide adequate notice to the Department of the following:
- (i) Any new introduction of pollutants into the POTW from an indirect discharger which would be subject to section 301 or 306 of CWA or Chapter 528 if it were directly discharging those pollutants.
 - (ii) Any substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into that POTW by a source introducing pollutants into the POTW at the time of issuance of the permit.
 - (iii) For purposes of this paragraph, adequate notice shall include information on (A) the quality and quantity of effluent introduced into the POTW, and (B) any anticipated impact of the change on the quantity or quality of effluent to be discharged from the POTW.
- (b) When the effluent discharged by a POTW for a period of three consecutive months exceeds 80 percent of the permitted flow, the permittee shall submit to the Department a projection of loadings up to the time when the design capacity of the treatment facility will be reached, and a program for maintaining satisfactory treatment levels consistent with approved water quality management plans.

E. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Emergency action - power failure. Within thirty days after the effective date of this permit, the permittee shall notify the Department of facilities and plans to be used in the event the primary source of power to its wastewater pumping and treatment facilities fails as follows.

- (a) For municipal sources. During power failure, all wastewaters which are normally treated shall receive a minimum of primary treatment and disinfection. Unless otherwise approved, alternate power supplies shall be provided for pumping stations and treatment facilities. Alternate power supplies shall be on-site generating units or an outside power source which is separate and independent from sources used for normal operation of the wastewater facilities.
- (b) For industrial and commercial sources. The permittee shall either maintain an alternative power source sufficient to operate the wastewater pumping and treatment facilities or halt, reduce or otherwise control production and or all discharges upon reduction or loss of power to the wastewater pumping or treatment facilities.

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2. Spill prevention. (applicable only to industrial sources) Within six months of the effective date of this permit, the permittee shall submit to the Department for review and approval, with or without conditions, a spill prevention plan. The plan shall delineate methods and measures to be taken to prevent and or contain any spills of pulp, chemicals, oils or other contaminants and shall specify means of disposal and or treatment to be used.

3. Removed substances. Solids, sludges trash rack cleanings, filter backwash, or other pollutants removed from or resulting from the treatment or control of waste waters shall be disposed of in a manner approved by the Department.

4. Connection to municipal sewer. (applicable only to industrial and commercial sources) All wastewaters designated by the Department as treatable in a municipal treatment system will be cosigned to that system when it is available. This permit will expire 90 days after the municipal treatment facility becomes available, unless this time is extended by the Department in writing.

F. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this permit, the following definitions shall apply. Other definitions applicable to this permit may be found in Chapters 520 through 529 of the Department's rules

Average means the arithmetic mean of values taken at the frequency required for each parameter over the specified period. For bacteria, the average shall be the geometric mean.

Average monthly discharge limitation means the highest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar month, calculated as the sum of all daily discharges measured during a calendar month divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that month. Except, however, bacteriological tests may be calculated as a geometric mean.

Average weekly discharge limitation means the highest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar week, calculated as the sum of all daily discharges measured during a calendar week divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that week.

Best management practices ("BMPs") means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the pollution of waters of the State. BMPs also include treatment requirements, operating procedures, and practices to control plant site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw material storage.

Composite sample means a sample consisting of a minimum of eight grab samples collected at equal intervals during a 24 hour period (or a lesser period as specified in the section on monitoring and reporting) and combined proportional to the flow over that same time period.

Continuous discharge means a discharge which occurs without interruption throughout the operating hours of the facility, except for infrequent shutdowns for maintenance, process changes, or other similar activities.

Daily discharge means the discharge of a pollutant measured during a calendar day or any 24-hour period that reasonably represents the calendar day for purposes of sampling. For pollutants with limitations expressed in units of mass, the daily discharge is calculated as the total mass of the pollutant discharged over the day. For pollutants with limitations expressed in other units of measurement, the daily discharge is calculated as the average measurement of the pollutant over the day.

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Discharge Monitoring Report ("DMR") means the EPA uniform national form, including any subsequent additions, revisions, or modifications for the reporting of self-monitoring results by permittees. DMRs must be used by approved States as well as by EPA. EPA will supply DMRs to any approved State upon request. The EPA national forms may be modified to substitute the State Agency name, address, logo, and other similar information, as appropriate, in place of EPA's.

Flow weighted composite sample means a composite sample consisting of a mixture of aliquots collected at a constant time interval, where the volume of each aliquot is proportional to the flow rate of the discharge.

Grab sample means an individual sample collected in a period of less than 15 minutes.

Interference means a Discharge which, alone or in conjunction with a discharge or discharges from other sources, both:

- (1) Inhibits or disrupts the POTW, its treatment processes or operations, or its sludge processes, use or disposal; and
- (2) Therefore is a cause of a violation of any requirement of the POTW's NPDES permit (including an increase in the magnitude or duration of a violation) or of the prevention of sewage sludge use or disposal in compliance with the following statutory provisions and regulations or permits issued thereunder (or more stringent State or local regulations): Section 405 of the Clean Water Act, the Solid Waste Disposal Act (SWDA) (including title II, more commonly referred to as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and including State regulations contained in any State sludge management plan prepared pursuant to subtitle D of the SWDA), the Clean Air Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, and the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act.

Maximum daily discharge limitation means the highest allowable daily discharge.

New source means any building, structure, facility, or installation from which there is or may be a discharge of pollutants, the construction of which commenced:

- (a) After promulgation of standards of performance under section 306 of CWA which are applicable to such source, or
- (b) After proposal of standards of performance in accordance with section 306 of CWA which are applicable to such source, but only if the standards are promulgated in accordance with section 306 within 120 days of their proposal.

Pass through means a discharge which exits the POTW into waters of the State in quantities or concentrations which, alone or in conjunction with a discharge or discharges from other sources, is a cause of a violation of any requirement of the POTW's NPDES permit (including an increase in the magnitude or duration of a violation).

Permit means an authorization, license, or equivalent control document issued by EPA or an approved State to implement the requirements of 40 CFR parts 122, 123 and 124. Permit includes an NPDES general permit (Chapter 529). Permit does not include any permit which has not yet been the subject of final agency action, such as a draft permit or a proposed permit.

Person means an individual, firm, corporation, municipality, quasi-municipal corporation, state agency, federal agency or other legal entity.

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Point source means any discernible, confined and discrete conveyance, including, but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation or vessel or other floating craft, from which pollutants are or may be discharged.

Pollutant means dredged spoil, solid waste, junk, incinerator residue, sewage, refuse, effluent, garbage, sewage sludge, munitions, chemicals, biological or radiological materials, oil, petroleum products or byproducts, heat, wrecked or discarded equipment, rock, sand, dirt and industrial, municipal, domestic, commercial or agricultural wastes of any kind.

Process wastewater means any water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct, or waste product.

Publicly owned treatment works ("POTW") means any facility for the treatment of pollutants owned by the State or any political subdivision thereof, any municipality, district, quasi-municipal corporation or other public entity.

Septage means, for the purposes of this permit, any waste, refuse, effluent sludge or other material removed from a septic tank, cesspool, vault privy or similar source which concentrates wastes or to which chemicals have been added. Septage does not include wastes from a holding tank.

Time weighted composite means a composite sample consisting of a mixture of equal volume aliquots collected over a constant time interval.

Toxic pollutant includes any pollutant listed as toxic under section 307(a)(1) or, in the case of sludge use or disposal practices, any pollutant identified in regulations implementing section 405(d) of the CWA. Toxic pollutant also includes those substances or combination of substances, including disease causing agents, which after discharge or upon exposure, ingestion, inhalation or assimilation into any organism, including humans either directly through the environment or indirectly through ingestion through food chains, will, on the basis of information available to the board either alone or in combination with other substances already in the receiving waters or the discharge, cause death, disease, abnormalities, cancer, genetic mutations, physiological malfunctions, including malfunctions in reproduction, or physical deformations in such organism or their offspring.

Wetlands means those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas.

Whole effluent toxicity means the aggregate toxic effect of an effluent measured directly by a toxicity test.



DEP INFORMATION SHEET

Appealing a Commissioner's Licensing Decision

Dated: May 2004

Contact: (207) 287-2811

SUMMARY

There are two methods available to an aggrieved person seeking to appeal a licensing decision made by the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Commissioner: (1) in an administrative process before the Board of Environmental Protection (Board); or (2) in a judicial process before Maine's Superior Court. This INFORMATION SHEET, in conjunction with consulting statutory and regulatory provisions referred to herein, can help aggrieved persons with understanding their rights and obligations in filing an administrative or judicial appeal.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TO THE BOARD

LEGAL REFERENCES

DEP's *General Laws*, 38 M.R.S.A. § 341-D(4), and its *Rules Concerning the Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters* (Chapter 2), 06-096 CMR 2.24 (April 1, 2003).

HOW LONG YOU HAVE TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD

The Board must receive a written notice of appeal within 30 calendar days of the date on which the Commissioner's decision was filed with the Board. Appeals filed after 30 calendar days will be rejected.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD

Signed original appeal documents must be sent to: Chair, Board of Environmental Protection, c/o Department of Environmental Protection, 17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0017; faxes are acceptable for purposes of meeting the deadline when followed by receipt of mailed original documents within five (5) working days. Receipt on a particular day must be by 5:00 PM at DEP's offices in Augusta; materials received after 5:00 PM are not considered received until the following day. The person appealing a licensing decision must also send the DEP's Commissioner and the applicant a copy of the documents. All the information listed in the next section must be submitted at the time the appeal is filed. Only the extraordinary circumstances described at the end of that section will justify evidence not in the DEP's record at the time of decision being added to the record for consideration by the Board as part of an appeal.

WHAT YOUR APPEAL PAPERWORK MUST CONTAIN

The materials constituting an appeal must contain the following information at the time submitted:

1. *Aggrieved Status.* Standing to maintain an appeal requires the appellant to show they are particularly injured by the Commissioner's decision.
2. *The findings, conclusions or conditions objected to or believed to be in error.* Specific references and facts regarding the appellant's issues with the decision must be provided in the notice of appeal.
3. *The basis of the objections or challenge.* If possible, specific regulations, statutes or other facts should be referenced. This may include citing omissions of relevant requirements, and errors believed to have been made in interpretations, conclusions, and relevant requirements.
4. *The remedy sought.* This can range from reversal of the Commissioner's decision on the license or permit to changes in specific permit conditions.

5. *All the matters to be contested.* The Board will limit its consideration to those arguments specifically raised in the written notice of appeal.
6. *Request for hearing.* The Board will hear presentations on appeals at its regularly scheduled meetings, unless a public hearing is requested and granted. A request for public hearing on an appeal must be filed as part of the notice of appeal.
7. *New or additional evidence to be offered.* The Board may allow new or additional evidence as part of an appeal only when the person seeking to add information to the record can show due diligence in bringing the evidence to the DEP's attention at the earliest possible time in the licensing process or show that the evidence itself is newly discovered and could not have been presented earlier in the process. Specific requirements for additional evidence are found in Chapter 2, Section 24(B)(5).

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS IN APPEALING A DECISION TO THE BOARD

1. *Be familiar with all relevant material in the DEP record.* A license file is public information made easily accessible by DEP. Upon request, the DEP will make the material available during normal working hours, provide space to review the file, and provide opportunity for photocopying materials. There is a charge for copies or copying services.
2. *Be familiar with the regulations and laws under which the application was processed, and the procedural rules governing your appeal.* DEP staff will provide this information on request and answer questions regarding applicable requirements.
3. *The filing of an appeal does not operate as a stay to any decision.* An applicant proceeding with a project pending the outcome of an appeal runs the risk of the decision being reversed or modified as a result of the appeal.

WHAT TO EXPECT ONCE YOU FILE A TIMELY APPEAL WITH THE BOARD

The Board will formally acknowledge initiation of the appeals procedure, including the name of the DEP project manager assigned to the specific appeal, within 15 days of receiving a timely filing. The notice of appeal, all materials accepted by the Board Chair as additional evidence, and any materials submitted in response to the appeal will be sent to Board members along with a briefing and recommendation from DEP staff. Parties filing appeals and interested persons are notified in advance of the final date set for Board consideration of an appeal or request for public hearing. With or without holding a public hearing, the Board may affirm, amend, or reverse a Commissioner decision. The Board will notify parties to an appeal and interested persons of its decision.

II. APPEALS TO MAINE SUPERIOR COURT

Maine law allows aggrieved persons to appeal final Commissioner licensing decisions to Maine's Superior Court, see 38 M.R.S.A. § 346(1); 06-096 CMR 2.26; 5 M.R.S.A. § 11001; & MRCivP 80C. Parties to the licensing decision must file a petition for review within 30 days after receipt of notice of the Commissioner's written decision. A petition for review by any other person aggrieved must be filed within 40-days from the date the written decision is rendered. The laws cited in this paragraph and other legal procedures govern the contents and processing of a Superior Court appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions or need additional information on the appeal process, contact the DEP's Director of Procedures and Enforcement at (207) 287-2811.

Note: The DEP provides this INFORMATION SHEET for general guidance only; it is not intended for use as a legal reference. Maine law governs an appellant's rights.
