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TO: Interested Persons of Record

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**RE: Notice of Public Meeting Related to Proposed Draft General Permits
Discharge of Waste Snow to Surface Waters, MEG20000
Discharge of Waste Snow to Ground Water MEG210000**

Dear Interested Persons:

On October 31, 2013, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Department) issued two new proposed draft General Permits for review and comment. Public comment on the two draft General Permits is allowed until the date of a final agency action on the draft General Permits.

These General Permits are being developed in response to Legislative Resolve Chapter 44, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Amend Its Rules Regarding Snow Dumps" (Resolves 2011 ch. 44) which directs the Department to review its rules regarding snow dumps to determine "[h]ow the rules may be amended to expedite the licensing process for municipalities that cannot be exempted from the waste discharge licensing requirement" and to ensure "the rules do not conflict with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act."

In accordance with *Rules Concerning the Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters*, 06-096 CMR 2(8) (last amended August 25, 2013), the Department has scheduled a public meeting for the purpose of collecting comments that will become part of the record in this pending action.

The public meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Monday, February 10, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: DEP Response Training Room
4 Blossom Lane (AMHI Complex)
Augusta, Maine 04330

AUGUSTA
17 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0017
(207) 287-7688 FAX: (207) 287-7826

BANGOR
106 HOGAN ROAD, SUITE 6
BANGOR, MAINE 04401
(207) 941-4570 FAX: (207) 941-4584

PORTLAND
312 CANCO ROAD
PORTLAND, MAINE 04103
(207) 822-6300 FAX: (207) 822-6303

PRESQUE ISLE
1235 CENTRAL DRIVE, SKYWAY PARK
PRESQUE ISLE, MAINE 04769
(207) 764-0477 FAX: (207) 760-3143

Such public meetings are not subject to the procedural requirements of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act or the Department's hearing rules. Persons commenting on the application are not under oath and there is no opportunity for cross-examination.

If you have any questions regarding the matter, or need a copy of the draft General Permits, dated October 31, 2013, please feel free to contact me.

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Sincerely,



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Interested persons of record:

ec: Nick Bennett, NRCM
Ivy Frignoca, CLF
Joseph Payne, Friends of Casco Bay
Mary A. Colligan, NOAA, NMFS
John Perry, MDIFW
Sean S. Heaney, Dept. of the Navy
William Bullard, Dept. of the Navy
Town of Bar Harbor
City of Bath
Town of Boothbay Harbor
Town of Camden
Town of Damariscotta
Town of Dixfield
Town of Mexico
City of Rockland
Town of Rockport
Town of Wiscasset

Kathleen Leyden, DACF
Michelle Mason Webber, MeDMR
Brian Pitt, USEPA
Alex Rosenberg, USEPA
David Pincumbe, USEPA
Olga Vergara, USEPA
Sharri Venno, HBMI
Trevor White, Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township
Dale Mitchell, Passamaquoddy Tribal Government
Dan Jusnierz, PIN
Fred Corey, ABMI
Mick Kuhns, MDEP
Brian Kavanah, MDEP
Gregg Wood, MDEP