



PUBLIC NOTICE

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SUBJECT: Announcement of the upcoming U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (USACE), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 (EPA), Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry - Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC), Maine Historic Preservation Commission (MHPC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) joint outreach event pertaining to state and federal aquatic resource regulations.

PURPOSE: The USACE, EPA, DEP, LUPC, MHPC, NOAA and USFWS are holding an in-person joint outreach event to inform the public, applicants, sponsors, consultants, and industry of updates in regulations/policy related to the regulatory process amongst agencies.

EVENT INFORMATION:

The agencies will hold this outreach event at the University of Maine – Augusta Campus (9488, 46 University Drive – Jewett Hall) on September 23, 2024, doors opening at 8:30 a.m. and should conclude by 3:00 p.m., depending on public participation. The event will be in-person, but a virtual option will also be available by joining the below link:

<https://usace1.webex.com/join/cenae-pa>

Meeting Number:
199 945 8471

Join by phone:
1-844-800-2712 US Toll Free
1-669-234-1177 US Toll
Access code: 199 945 8471

Join by video system:
cenae-pa@usace1.webex.com

You can also dial 207.182.190.20 and enter your meeting number.

The draft agenda for the outreach event is attached to this public notice and will include the following:

- USACE will discuss national, regional and district regulatory program updates including the reissuance process of the Maine General Permits, mitigation thresholds, the new regulatory request system (RRS), wetland delineation/ ordinary high water mark (OHWM) updates, and other efficiencies to improve the permit evaluation process.
- EPA will discuss changes to Clean Water Act Jurisdiction and the final 2023 Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Improvement Rule. Additional information can be found on the EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/wotus> and <https://www.epa.gov/cwa-401>.
- DEP and LUPC will discuss state jurisdiction, regulations, and updates.
- MHPC will talk about the application process.
- USFWS and NOAA will discuss updates to the Endangered Species Act. NOAA will also discuss the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

***There will be time in between sessions and at the end to answer questions regarding the regulatory process.

CONTACT INFORMATION: This is an informational public notice; therefore, we are not seeking public comments. However, requests for additional information may be directed to Amanda L. Sayles at Amanda.L.Sayles@usace.army.mil or (978) 318-8486.



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Maine Aquatic Resources Outreach Event

State and Federal Regulatory Programs

September 23, 2024: 8:30 am – 3:00pm

Located @ University of Maine –

9488, 46 University Drive (Jewett Hall)

Augusta, Maine 04330



Agenda

8:30am-9:00am	Arrival
9:00am-9:15am	Opening Remarks
9:15am – 10:30am	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Federal Authorization <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Program Updates:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Maine General Permits○ Mitigation○ Regulatory Request System (RRS)○ Wetland Delineation/ Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) Updates○ Programmatic initiatives
10:30am – 10:45pm	Break
10:45am -11:15am	DEP / LUPC, State Coordination & Permitting <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Program Updates
11:15am – 12:30am	EPA, Federal Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 401 Water Quality Certification Rule○ Changes to Federal Jurisdiction under the CWA
12:30pm-1:30pm	Lunch – Please Bring Bag Lunch
1:30pm-1:50pm	MHPC <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Application Process
1:50pm – 2:50pm	NOAA / USFWS <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act - Essential Fish Habitat○ Endangered Species Act – NOAA○ Endangered Species Act – USFWS
2:50pm – 3:00pm	Wrap up/ Closing remarks



Presenters

USACE

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - New England District

Tammy Turley, Chief, Regulatory Division

Peter Olmstead, Chief, ME Section

Shawn Mahaney, Senior Project, ME Section

Amanda Sayles, Project Manager, ME Section

Heather Stukus, Project Manager, ME Section

Jeremy Lessard, Project Manager, ME Section

Zachary Normile, Project Manager, ME Section

LUPC/ DEP ANR

Audie Arbo -LUPC

Bob Green, Regional Licensing Supervisor in Augusta

Beth Callahan, Licensing Specialist

Laura Paye, Hydropower and Dams Program Coordinator

EPA

U.S. EPA Region 1 (New England)

Erica Sachs Lambert, Biologist, Wetlands Protection, Clean Water Act

Jurisdiction/Waters of the U.S.

Rachel Croy, Life Scientist, Wetlands Protection, Clean Water Act Section 401

MHPC

Megan Rideout, Review & Compliance/CLG Coordinator

NOAA

Kaitlyn Shaw & Alexa Cacacie, Marine Habitat Resource Specialist, Habitat and
Ecosystem Services Division

David Bean & Peter Johnsen, Fisheries Biologist, NOAA Fisheries ESA Section 7

USFWS

Amanda Cross, Supervisor/Project Leader, Maine Field Office, Ecological Services