

BASIS STATEMENT FOR ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 60—DESIGNATION OF CRITICAL PESTICIDE CONTROL AREAS

Basis Statement

Chapter 60 of the Maine Board of Pesticides Control's rules establish criteria which the Board must use in deciding if an area should be designated as a critical pesticide control area. In addition, these regulations specify the procedures parties must follow in requesting such a designation. These regulations also define the locations that have been designated as critical areas by the Board.

The amendment to Chapter 60 would remove the designation of critical pesticide control area surrounding the now defunct Deblois Fish Hatchery. This amendment was requested by a constituent because the area so designated no longer contains a fish hatchery and all the tanks and equipment have been removed. The constituent contended that it no longer makes sense to have to take the extra time to follow the required Board-approved Pest Management Plan when there is no longer a fish hatchery at the site.

Based on the facts presented, the Board agreed that repeal of this critical pesticide control area is appropriate as the purposes for which the area was originally designated as a critical pesticide control area no longer exist.

Impact on Small Business

In accordance with 5 MRSA §8052, sub-§5-A, a statement of the impact on small business has been prepared. Information is available upon request from the Maine Board of Pesticides Control office, State House Station #28, Augusta, Maine 04333-0028, telephone 207-287-2731.