

Attachment A

Proposed Amendment to DEP Chapter 1000, *State of Maine Guidelines for Municipal Shoreland Zoning Ordinances*

Amend Section 13(A)(1) as follows:

- (1) Areas within 250 feet, horizontal distance, of the upland edge of freshwater wetlands; ~~salt marshes and salt meadows~~, and wetlands associated with great ponds and rivers, which are rated "moderate" or "high" value waterfowl and wading bird habitat, including nesting and feeding areas, by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIF&W) that are depicted on a Geographic Information System (GIS) data layer maintained by either MDIF&W or the Department as of December 31, 2008 ~~May 1, 2006~~. For the purposes of this paragraph "wetlands associated with great ponds and rivers" shall mean areas characterized by non-forested wetland vegetation and hydric soils that are contiguous with a great pond or river, and have a surface elevation at or below the water level of the great pond or river during the period of normal high water. "Wetlands associated with great ponds or rivers" are considered to be part of that great pond or river. Also included in this district are areas within 250 feet, horizontal distance, of the upland edge of salt marshes and salt meadows which are rated "moderate" or "high" value waterfowl and wading bird habitat, including nesting and feeding areas, by the MDIF&W as of January 1, 1973.