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**BOARD OF LICENSURE OF PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS**

2020 - 2021 Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **02-333**

AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional & Financial Regulation, Office of Professional & Occupational Regulation, **Board of Licensure of Professional Foresters**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA**: None.

**EXPECTED 2020-2021 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:**

**CHAPTER 20**: General Information

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 5506

PURPOSE: This chapter provides for the election of Board officers. Changes may be needed to clarify a provision.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 30**: Advisory Rulings

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 5506

PURPOSE: This chapter provides for the discretionary issuance of advisory rulings by the Board. Changes may be needed to clarify a provision.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 40**: Qualifications for Intern Forester License

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 5506

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the education and experience requirements necessary for licensure as an intern forester. Changes may be needed to clarify a provision.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 70**: Qualifications for Forester License

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 5506

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the education, experience, and examination requirements for licensure as a forester. Changes may be needed to clarify a provision.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 80**: Continuing Forestry Education

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 5506

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes the minimum continuing education required for license renewal. Changes may be needed to clarify a provision.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 90**: Registration of Foresters for the Supervision of Unlicensed Personnel

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 5506

PURPOSE: This chapter implements a registration system for foresters who supervise unlicensed individuals in the practice of forestry. Changes may be needed to clarify a provision.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 100**: Code of Ethics

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 5506

PURPOSE: This chapter defines unprofessional practice as failure to comply with the Code of Ethics adopted by the Board in this chapter. This chapter may be amended as necessary to address unprofessional conduct resulting from Board complaints and changes in forestry practice.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.