**State of Maine: Notice of Agency Rulemaking – December 9, 2020**

**PROPOSALS**

AGENCY: **94-270 - Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices**

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: **Ch. 3**, Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions

TYPE OF RULE: Major Substantive

PROPOSED RULE NUMBER: **2020-P220** *(2nd publication, with chapter and title correction)*

BRIEF SUMMARY: A candidate who had received traditional campaign contributions that did not comply with seed money restrictions who decided to run for a different office would have a limited opportunity to participate in the *Maine Clean Election Act* program for the second office.

PUBLIC HEARING: Friday, December 18, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m. Meeting held by Zoom videoconference.

COMMENT DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 5, 2021

CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING / SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT INFORMATION / RULEMAKING LIAISON: Lorrie J. Brann, Commission Assistant, Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, 135 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333. Telephone: (207) 287-4179. Email: Lorrie.J.Brann@Maine.gov .

FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES: No impact

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE: 1 MRS §1003(1); 21-A MRS §1126

SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED: None

AGENCY WEBSITE: <http://www.maine.gov/ethics> .

AGENCY: **01-001 – Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF)**

CHAPTER NUMBERS AND TITLES:

**Ch. 268**, Pine Shoot Beetle Quarantine *(Repeal)*

**Ch. 271**, Gypsy Moth Quarantine *(Repeal)*

TYPE OF RULES: Routine Technical

PROPOSED RULE NUMBERS: **2020-P232, P233**

BRIEF SUMMARY (ch. 268): This proposal will remove the state quarantine requirements that restrict the movement of wood that may be infested with the pine shoot beetle (PSB). PSB is now considered established in Maine and is not seen as a continued threat to Maine’s forests. This proposed rule repeals the entire ch. 268, *Pine Shoot Beetle Quarantine*.

BRIEF SUMMARY (ch. 271): This proposal will remove the state quarantine requirements that restrict the movement of plants, wood or other articles that may be infested with European Gypsy Moth. A full state federal quarantine will remain in place. This proposed rule repeals the entire ch. 271, *Gypsy Moth Quarantine*.

PUBLIC HEARING: None proposed

COMMENT DEADLINE: January 8, 2021

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FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES: None

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE: 7 MRS ch. 409 §§ 2301-2303

SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED *(if different)*:

WEBSITE (ch. 268): <http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest_health/quarantine_information.html#psb> .

WEBSITE (ch. 271): <http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest_health/quarantine_information.html#gm> .

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**ADOPTIONS**

AGENCY: **09-137 – Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW)**

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: **Ch. 6**, Educational and Scientific Collection Permit Rules

ADOPTED RULE NUMBER: **2020-243**

CONCISE SUMMARY: The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has amended ch. 6 rules, which will change the reference of permitting for educational and scientific collection of “wild animals and wild birds” to “wildlife” as it is currently referenced in statute. This will create consistency between law and rule and update the terminology used to describe species covered under the permit. A copy of the rule can be requested from the agency contact person.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 7, 2020

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IFW WEBSITE: <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/> .