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December 8, 1952

To: General George M. Carter, The Adjutant General

Re: Use of Great Ponds - request of Olin Industries, Inc.

We wish to advise you, after deliberate consideration of the laws of the State of Maine and the cases interpreting these laws, that the State holds and controls the use of great ponds for public purposes, the people of the State being the beneficiaries of this trust. The legislature alone, representing the people, has the power to abridge these rights and to grant them to private individuals or corporations, if within its wisdom, it sees fit to do so. 118 Maine 504. As a result of this conclusion we would recommend that permission be sought of the legislature for such use as Olin Industries, Inc., would require.

James Glynn Frost
Deputy Attorney General

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