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OFFICE OF
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GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COASTAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, there exist in Maine many potential opportunities for coastal development together with the continuing need to conserve essential qualities of the Maine coast; and

WHEREAS, many coastal communities would benefit substantially from sustained diversified economic development; and

WHEREAS, the coastal area, including the offshore environment, contains natural and cultural characteristics of great economic, social and environmental value to the people of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the coastal area faces heavy industrial and residential development pressure, including the potential construction of facilities required to support the development of oil and gas resources of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS); and

WHEREAS, a forum within which state, local and private interests can participate in development of policy for use of the coastal area is desirable;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES B. LONGLEY, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby modify the membership and charge of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Coastal Development and Conservation.

The Committee shall consist of the following members:

- The Commissioner of the Department of Transportation
- The Commissioner of the Department of Conservation
- The Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection
- The Commissioner of the Department of Marine Resources
- The Director of the State Development Office
- The Director of the State Planning Office
- The Director of the Office of Energy Resources
- The Attorney General
- A member of the Senate
- A member of the House of Representatives
- Six residents at large, to be appointed by the Governor, at least four of whom shall reside in towns within the coastal area
- The Vice-President for Research and Public Services of the University of Maine
- One representative of Regional Planning Interests within the coastal area to be appointed by the Governor from nominees submitted by the coastal Regional Planning Commissions

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A Chairperson shall be appointed by the Governor from within the membership of the Committee.

The Committee's overall responsibility shall be to advise the Governor and State agencies on issues of coastal planning and use, including development and conservation policies and any work performed pursuant to the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972. A principle function of the Committee shall be to coordinate an effective program of community and individual citizen participation in coastal planning activities.


Although not limited to the following responsibilities, the Committee shall:

1. Monitor activities relating to the development of Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas reserves, including a consideration of the potential consequences of these activities to the State of Maine, and make appropriate policy recommendations.
2. Evaluate alternate policies and strategies and make recommendations for coastal economic development, the conservation of important coastal natural resources, and the siting of energy and heavy industrial facilities.
3. Evaluate in consultation with affected interests, Maine's land use regulatory system relevant to the coastal area including rules, regulations, and procedures, as well as legislation and recommend administrative and legislative action, if any is needed, to improve service to applicants.
4. Suggest priorities for coastal and marine research.
5. Recommend to the Governor how integrated coastal and marine policy could best be developed in the future.

The Committee shall have the authority to form subcommittees for purposes of studying particular subjects and may seek advice from other persons in such matters.

Support for the Committee's operation shall be provided by the State Planning Office.

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JAMES B. LONGLEY
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