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## Executive Order

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### AN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT MAINE'S COASTAL PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Maine's coastal area contains natural and cultural features of great economic, social, and environmental value to the people of Maine.

WHEREAS, public activities in the coastal area should be closely coordinated to lead to the most beneficial uses of this area's unique resources.

WHEREAS, after three years of effort including extensive public and intergovernmental participation, Maine's Coastal Program reflects the desires of Maine's coastal residents and their elected officials.

WHEREAS, the Coastal Program provides an integrated framework for coordination by drawing together and interrelating Maine's policies for the use of coastal resources.

WHEREAS, the implementation of this integrated Coastal Program will be of substantial benefit to Maine and the coastal municipalities.

WHEREAS, after reviewing this program I endorse its implementation in the State of Maine; and as Governor I am committed to carrying out the goals, policies, and provisions of the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES B. LONGLEY, Governor of the State of Maine, hereby direct all State agencies to use Maine's Coastal Program and the policies contained therein as a guide for their programs and activities affecting Maine's coastal area.

FURTHER, let it be known that I will use Maine's Coastal Program in resolving disagreements among State agencies on programs or projects of concern. Specifically in this regard, I recognize that the Office of the Governor may be called upon to make the final decision regarding major highway projects in the coastal area in light of the goal and policies of Maine's Coastal Program.

To quote from Section I of the appendix to Maine's Program:

"In the cases of all major transportation projects proposed for the coastal area (as defined in Maine's Coastal Program) where the State Planning Office's final position is that a project is inconsistent with the standards of the core laws of the Coastal Program and the Department of Transportation believes the project is essential for transportation purposes, the Governor's Office shall resolve whether or not the project will proceed."

  
JAMES B. LONGLEY, Governor