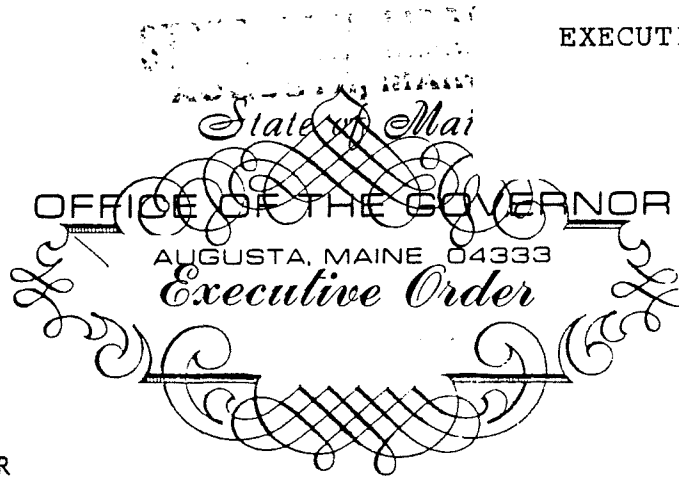


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ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION
ON OUTDOOR RECREATION IN MAINE

WHEREAS, Maine's unparalleled abundance of natural resources afford diverse and plentiful opportunities for outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, the quality and accessibility of Maine's outdoor recreation resources are vital to the State's economy, attracting use by Mainers and millions of visitors annually, generating income to commercial enterprise and tax revenues to State and local government, and providing employment opportunities to tens of thousands of Maine people in tourism and related industries; and

WHEREAS, outdoor recreation contributes significantly to the quality of life enjoyed by Maine people, providing healthy and spiritually enriching leisure time activities; and

WHEREAS, both the State and local governments in Maine have invested substantial public resources to develop a system of parks and other outdoor recreation facilities unsurpassed in New England and comparable to any in the nation; and

WHEREAS, interest in outdoor recreation activities and an attendant demand upon the recreation facilities and opportunities available has expanded greatly in recent years, with continuing growth projected into the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the recently appointed President's Commission on Americans Outdoors is currently examining the future outdoor recreation needs of the nation, and will make recommendations on public and private sector measures to assure that there will be adequate facilities and opportunities to meet the public's demands;

NOW, THEREFORE, I JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, do establish the Governor's Commission on Outdoor Recreation in Maine.


The Commission shall consist of fifteen members, eleven of whom shall be appointed by the Governor. Two members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and two by the President of the Senate.

The Commissioner of the Department of Conservation shall serve as Chairman of the Commission, with principal staff support to the Commission to be provided by the Department of Conservation. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the State Planning Office, and the State Development Office are also directed to assist the Commission in fulfilling its responsibilities.

The Commission is directed to conduct studies necessary to report on the following:

1. an assessment of the current status of outdoor recreation opportunities in Maine, the sufficiency of public facilities available, and the adequacy of existing federal, State and local programs, and private facilities in providing quality outdoor recreation opportunities to meet Maine's current needs;
2. a projection of future demand for outdoor recreation opportunities in Maine to the year 2010, and of the facilities and programs needed to meet that demand; and
3. recommendations for federal, State, and local actions, including an evaluation of alternative funding mechanisms, and/or measures by the private sector, required to assure the adequate provision and maintenance of outdoor recreation opportunities in Maine for the foreseeable future.

The Commission shall make recommendations for initiatives at the national level to be transmitted to the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors during hearings scheduled for Spring, 1986. The Commission shall make a final report of findings and recommendations by August 31, 1986.



JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, GOVERNOR