



Office of
The Governor

No. 36 FY 19/20
DATE April 7, 2020

**AN ORDER REGARDING GUIDE LICENSING AND OUTDOOR ETHICS LAWS
ENFORCED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISH & WILDLIFE**

WHEREAS, I proclaimed a state of emergency on March 15, 2020 to authorize the use of emergency powers in order to expand and expedite the State's response to the many different effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the governor's emergency powers pursuant to 37-B M.R.S. §742(1)(C)(13)(a) expressly include the authority to expressly include the authorities to adjust time frames and deadlines, and the authority pursuant to 37-B M.R.S. §742(1)(C)(1) and §834 to suspend the enforcement of certain statutes, orders or rules when coping with the effects of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, this Order is necessary to promote healthy and safe activities, encourage social distancing; mitigate concerns related to isolation, and allow Department of Inland Fish & Wildlife enforcement staff to focus their attention on resource related issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, pursuant to 37-B M.R.S. Ch. 13, including but not limited to the provisions cited above, do hereby Order as follows:

I. ORDERS

- A. The renewal dates for guide licenses issued pursuant to 12 M.R.S. §12853(6) and §12855(1) and that expired December 31st, 2019 are extended to December 31st for 2020.
- B. The Commissioner shall postpone testing for new guide applicants pursuant to 12 M.R.S. §12853(3) and §12855(1) until after the state of emergency is terminated.
- C. The timeframe for the Commissioner to reinstate licenses, permits, and registrations without completing an outdoor ethics course pursuant to 12 M.R.S. §10903(1) and §10903-A is adjusted to December 31, for 2020.

II. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Order is April 7, 2020.


Janet T. Mills
Governor