

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 372

House of Representatives, February 1, 1967

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Susi of Pittsfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Authorize the State Comprehensive Planning Office to Prepare a
Guide Plan of Land Uses Related to Water**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 10, c. 101, sub-c. II-B, additional. Chapter 101 of Title 10 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subchapter II-B, to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER II-B

LAND USES RELATED TO WATER

§ 471. Purpose

Many state departments, federal agencies, other governmental units and private organizations, companies and individuals own land adjacent to the waters of the State of Maine.

It is in the public interest that the uses of these lands give due consideration of and be harmonious with other nearby lands and waters. It is desirable that the State Planning Office gather information relating to all these uses and prepare a guide plan to encourage more harmonious uses of the lands of the State adjacent to the waters of the State.

§ 472. Duties

The State Comprehensive Planning Office is authorized to survey the uses of lands adjacent to waters. Information shall be gathered from existing sources regarding land types, ownership, uses and development plans. Field data may be obtained where necessary in cooperation with others.

The efforts of the Planning Office will be complemented by all departments, with a concern for land adjacent to water.

The State Comprehensive Planning Office shall coordinate the planning efforts for comprehensive water resources planning and the planning efforts for land areas adjacent to water bodies.

§ 473. Committee on Natural Resources

A Department Heads Committee on Natural Resources, composed of department heads of Inland Fisheries and Game, Civil Defense and Public Safety, Department of Highway, Sea and Shore Fisheries, Park and Recreation Commission, Department of Agriculture, Public Utilities, Water Improvement Commission, Forest Service, State Soil and Water Conservation Commission, Department of Economic Development and the Maine Port Authority is established.

The committee shall serve as a policy and coordinating committee.

The legislative chairmen of the Joint Standing Committees on Inland Fisheries and Game, Natural Resources, Sea and Shore Fisheries and Industrial and Recreational Development shall be ex officio members.

The participation of federal agencies and of private interests is invited.

The Governor's task force on natural resources shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Department Heads Committee on Natural Resources and to the staff working in this area.

§ 474. Staff

A Natural Resources Planner is created and shall be in charge of shorelines planning under the supervision of the State Planner. The position may be filled on an unclassified position basis with the approval of the State Planning Office and the Committee on Natural Resources. The position may be filled using state or federal or private funds or a combination thereof.

The Natural Resources Planner may hire a secretary with the approval of the State Planning Office.

§ 475. Consultant services

The State Planning Office, with the consent of the Committee on Natural Resources, may employ such expert and professional consultants, and contract for such research projects, as it deems necessary, within the limits of the funds provided and consistent with the powers and duties of the office.

§ 476. Agreements

The State Planning Office is authorized and empowered to enter into such agreements with the Federal Government and other agencies and organizations as will promote the objectives of this subchapter.

§ 477. Acceptance of funds

Funds from the Federal Government or from any individual, foundation or corporation may be accepted by the office and expended for purposes consistent with this subchapter.

§ 478. Reports

The State Planning Office shall make reports at least annually, and as prepared, to the Governor, the Legislature, state departments and federal agencies to meet various planning requirements and needs.

Sec. 2. Appropriation: There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Comprehensive Planning Office the sum of \$25,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 and \$25,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969. This appropriation shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1969. State funds shall be used wherever possible to match federal planning program funds. Private funds may be used where available.

It is estimated that state funds would be spent as follows per year:

Personal Services	(2) \$19,000
All Other	5,000
Capital Expenditures	1,000
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	\$25,000

If federal or private funds, or both, are available on a matching or other percentage basis, those added sums would be used primarily for contractual or consulting services.