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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Relating to a Comprehensive Water Resource and Related Land Use
Plan.**

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

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

SUBCHAPTER II-A

WATER RESOURCES AND RELATED LAND USE PLANS

§ 461. Purpose

Many state departments, federal agencies, other governmental units and private organizations, companies and individuals have interests in the waters and own land adjacent to the waters of the State of Maine. Complete inventory of the total water resources and related land uses should be carried out expeditiously. Then after thorough analysis of all the needs, a carefully prepared plan for balanced use of our valuable water resources must be prepared.

It is in the public interest that the uses of these lands give due consideration of and be harmonious with other uses of nearby lands and waters.

§ 462. Duties

The State Comprehensive Planning Office is authorized to survey the uses of water in and adjacent to the State and the related land uses. Information regarding the resources, their condition, use and the needs for them shall be gathered from existing departments and other sources. 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 water and related land uses.

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.

§ 463. Staff

A Department Heads Committee on Natural Resources, composed of department heads of Inland Fisheries and Game, Civil Defense and Public Safety, State 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, Health and Welfare and the Maine Port Authority is established and shall serve as the Policy and Coordination Committee for comprehensive water resources planning.

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 or the State Planning Council Permanent Committee on Natural Resources, or both, shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Department Heads Committee on Natural Resources and to the staff working in this area.

A Water Resources Planner position and an Assistant Planner position are created and they shall be in charge of Water Resources Planning under supervision of the State Planner. The Water Resources Planning Office shall be a division of the State Planning Office. State, federal or private funds or a combination may be used to hire the planner who may be hired in a classified or unclassified position with the approval of the State Planning Office and the Committee on Natural Resources. The Water Resources Planner may hire a secretary.

§ 464. Consultant services

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

§ 465. Agreements

The Water 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.

§ 466. 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.

§ 467. 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 \$27,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 and \$31,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969. This appropriation shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1969.

The annual sum shall be used to match the funds available under the Federal Water Resources Planning Act, Public Law 89-90 through the Federal Water Resources Council as long as federal funds are available. The breakdown shall be as follows :

	1967-68		1968-69
STATE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING OFFICE			
Personal Services	(2) \$19,000	(2)	\$20,000
All Other	7,000		10,000
Capital Expenditures	1,000		1,000
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	\$27,000		\$31,000