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- D. If the tree is over 14 and up to 18 inches in diameter, a forfeiture of \$100;
- E. If the tree is over 18 and up to 22 inches in diameter, a forfeiture of \$125; and
- F. If the tree is greater than 22 inches in diameter, a forfeiture of \$150.

3. **Diameter.** For the purposes of determining the forfeiture, the diameter of a tree shall be the diameter of the tree stump remaining or the diameter of the tree at 4½ feet from the ground if the remaining stump is higher than that distance.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 356

H. P. 995 — L. D. 1183

AN ACT to Allow the Board of Environmental Protection to Authorize and Pay for Oil Spill Damage Studies.

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA § 551, sub-§ 5, ¶ H is enacted to read:

H. Sums, up to \$50,000 each year, which have been allocated by the Legislature on a contingency basis in accordance with section 555 for payment of costs for studies of the environmental impacts of discharges prohibited by section 543 which may have adverse economic effects and which occur subsequent to such allocation, when such studies are deemed necessary by the commissioner.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA § 551, sub-§ 6, ¶ A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 375, § 14, is amended to read:

A. All disbursements made by the fund pursuant to subsection 5, paragraphs B, D and E and H in connection with a prohibited discharge;

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA § 555, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 541, Pt. A, § 269, is further amended to read:

§ 555. Budget approval

The board shall submit to each Legislature its budget recommendations for disbursements from the fund in accordance with section 551, subsection 5, paragraphs A, C, F and H for each biennium. The budget shall be submitted in

accordance with Title 5, sections 1663 to 1666. ~~Upon approval thereof the~~ The State Controller shall authorize expenditures therefrom as approved by the board. Expenditures pursuant to section 551, subsection 5, paragraphs B, D, E and G may be made as authorized by the State Controller following approval by the board.

Sec. 4. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Maine Coastal Protection Fund.

	1981-82	1982-83
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NATURAL RESOURCES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,
DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Coastal Protection Fund

Contingency for environmental impact studies	—	\$50,000
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Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 357

H. P. 1100 — L. D. 1297

AN ACT for the Assessment of Watercraft.

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

36 MRSA § 610-A is enacted to read:

§ 610-A. Watercraft assessed as personal property

All watercraft taxed as personal property under this subchapter shall be assessed at just value. As used in this section "watercraft" means any type of vessel, boat or craft capable of being used as a means of transportation on water, other than a seaplane, and includes the motor attached to it and used to propel it.

By February 1, 1982, the State Tax Assessor shall by regulation prescribe a formula which may be used by municipalities as a guideline to determine the just value of watercraft which exceed 12 feet in length but which do not exceed 65 feet in length. The formula shall take into consideration such factors as dimensions, construction materials, propulsion and depreciation factors.

For watercraft 12 feet or less in length or more than 65 feet in length and for all other water craft for which the formula prescribed by the State Tax Assessor does not result in just value, the municipality shall use whatever other means of assessment that most accurately determines just value.