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STATE OF MAINE
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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.

The State Tax Assessor shall annually, as part of its municipal valuation data collection effort, require municipalities to list the method used to calculate the just value of watercraft.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 358

H. P. 1181 — L. D. 1405

AN ACT to Require Immediate Public Notification of Radioactive Releases and Other Safety Related Events at Nuclear Power Plants.

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

35 MRSA § 3332, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 225, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 3332. Notice to the Commissioner of Human Services

1. **Notice.** The president of any nuclear power generating facility in Maine, or his designee, shall provide notice of the events covered by this section to:

- A. The public;
- B. The Commissioner of Human Services; and
- C. The Director of Civil Emergency Preparedness.

2. **Events requiring notice.** This notice shall be required as indicated for the following events:

- A. Scheduled releases of radioactive materials, at least 24 hours before the release is planned to occur;
- B. Unscheduled releases of radioactive materials, as soon as possible, but no more than 24 hours after the discovery of the release; and
- C. Breakdowns or malfunctions of any safety related equipment that must be reported under the United States Code of Federal Regulations, Title 10, Part 21, as soon as possible, but no more than 24 hours after the discovery of the breakdown or malfunction.

3. **Information required.** The notice required by this section shall contain a description of the following: