# **Rule-Making Fact Sheet**

(5 MRSA §8057-A)

### AGENCY: MAINE LAND USE PLANNING COMMISSION,

Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

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CHAPTER NUMBER AND RULE TITLE: Chapter 10, Land Use Districts and Standards

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 M.R.S. § 685-A(3); § 685-A(7-A); § 685-C(5)

DATE AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING: NA

### COMMENT DEADLINE:

Written comments must be submitted on or prior to April 24, 2015; Written rebuttal comments must be submitted on or prior to May 1, 2015.

### PRINCIPAL REASON OR PURPOSE FOR PROPOSING THIS RULE:

The Maine Land Use Planning Commission is seeking public comment on proposed amendments to Chapter 10 Land Use Districts and Standards that would provide an exception to dimensional lot standards for certain public recreational facilities. The exceptions would apply to boat launches, campsites, and trailheads that are owned, leased, or operated by a public entity. Eligible public facilities would be those that are within or surrounded by land protected by a conservation easement or other legally binding provisions that prohibit incompatible land uses in locations that would be affected by the reductions. The exceptions would be a minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet, minimum shoreline frontage of 100 feet, and minimum road frontage of 100 feet. The exceptions would be allowed only if the facility is otherwise sufficiently sized to fulfill the use for which it is designed.

## ANALYSIS AND EXPECTED OPERATION OF THE RULE:

The proposed rule change would allow for an exception to dimensional lot standards for publicly owned or operated recreational facilities that are within or surrounded by land protected by conservation easement or other legally binding provisions that prohibit incompatible land uses in locations that would be affected by the reductions; would allow for more efficient use of land when siting such public recreational facilities; and would be consistent with LUPC policy as expressed in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT OF THE RULE:

There will be no measurable fiscal impact of these rule changes.

FOR RULES WITH FISCAL IMPACT OF \$1 MILLION OR MORE, ALSO INCLUDE:

ECONOMIC IMPACT, WHETHER OR NOT QUANTIFIABLE IN MONETARY TERMS:

INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS AFFECTED AND HOW THEY WILL BE AFFECTED:

BENEFITS OF THE RULE: