

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

2 **PART DDD**

3 **Sec. DDD-1. Working group established to achieve savings in natural**
4 **resources departments.** By March 15, 2011, a working group shall report to the Joint
5 Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs a plan, including any
6 necessary implementing legislation, to achieve savings of \$1,250,000 during fiscal year
7 2010-11 in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the Department of
8 Conservation, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of
9 Marine Resources.

10 **Sec. DDD-2. Membership.** The working group members are: the Commissioner
11 of Administrative and Financial Services or the commissioner's designee, who serves as
12 chair; the Director of the State Planning Office within the Executive Department or the
13 director's designee; the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department
14 of Administrative and Financial Services or the director's designee; the Chief Information
15 Officer of the Office of Information Technology within the Department of Administrative
16 and Financial Services or the chief information officer's designee; and a policy advisor in
17 the Office of the Governor selected by the Governor. The Executive Department, State
18 Planning Office and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Division
19 of Financial and Personnel Services shall provide staff assistance to the working group.

20 **Sec. DDD-3. Duties.** In developing the plan to achieve the savings required under
21 section 1, the working group shall:

22 1. Seek to implement the 8 recommendations of the 2008 report of the natural
23 resources agency task force appointed by the Governor to implement Public Law 2007,
24 chapter 539, Part YY, section 2. These recommendations include: marketing Maine's
25 natural resources; reviewing business processes involved in natural resources agency
26 ministerial licenses to create a system that serves all clients; consolidating management of
27 state boat launch facilities; collocating natural resources agency staff in regional offices;
28 aligning natural resources agency districts; establishing a single entity to manage public
29 lands and public access consistent with management goals; prioritizing natural resources
30 programs and services to focus on critical needs; and reviewing natural resources
31 advisory boards and committees regarding effectiveness;

32 2. Consult with the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the
33 Commissioner of Conservation, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and
34 the Commissioner of Marine Resources. The commissioners shall provide all
35 information and assistance requested by the working group;

36 3. Coordinate and streamline functions, services and activities;

37 4. Eliminate duplication of services and administrative activities; and

38 5. Otherwise create efficiencies and cost savings in the provision of services.

