

**Right to Know Advisory Committee
Public Records Exceptions Review Subcommittee**

PROPOSED DRAFT LEGISLATION
Reflects Subcommittee Recommendation at 12/10 meeting

REF. # 2020-44

Sec. ____. 12 MRSA §6072, sub-§10 is amended as follows:

10. Notification of granted leases. After the granting of a lease:

A.

B. The department shall notify all riparian owners, intervenors and the municipality in which the lease is located that a lease has been granted. The notice must include a description of the area and how a copy of the lease may be obtained.

C. The lessee shall mark the leased area in a manner prescribed by the commissioner; and

D. The lessee shall annually submit to the department a seeding and harvesting report for the past year and a seeding and harvesting plan for the coming year. Upon written request, the department shall provide a copy of the report to the municipality or municipalities in which or adjacent to which the lease is located. The seeding and harvesting reports submitted by a lessee under this paragraph are considered confidential statistics for the purposes of section 6173. A copy of a report provided to a municipality pursuant to this paragraph is confidential.

Summary

This language amends the public records exception to clarify that a copy of a seeding and harvesting report provided to a municipality is confidential.
