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An Act To Allow the Removal of Gravel Bars in the Sandy River

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §480-P, sub-§20, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 809, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §480-Q, sub-§28, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 75, §4, is amended to read:

28. Release of water from dam after petition by owner for release from dam ownership or water level maintenance. Activity associated with the release of water from a dam pursuant to an order issued by the department pursuant to section 905; and

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §480-Q, sub-§29, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 75, §5, is amended to read:

29. Dam safety order. Activity associated with the breach or removal of a dam pursuant to an order issued by the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management under Title 37-B, chapter 24.; and

Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §480-Q, sub-§30 is enacted to read:

30. Removal or displacement of sediment within the Sandy River. Removal or displacement of a point gravel bar within the Sandy River in the Town of Farmington. For the purposes of this subsection, "point gravel bar" means an accumulation of gravel, sand and silt deposited on the inside edge of a stream bend.

SUMMARY

This bill allows the removal or displacement of point gravel bars from the Sandy River in the Town of Farmington without a Natural Resources Protection Act permit from the Department of Environmental Protection.