

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

S.P. 200 - L.D. 465

An Act to Update Waste Discharge License Fees

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §353-B, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 631, §1, is further amended to read:

A. The fees for waste discharge license groups are the 2019 bill amounts increased by a factor of 1.4, unless otherwise indicated, as follows.

Discharge group		Basis for annual fee	Median fee for discharge group	Water quality improvement surcharge
Publicly owned treatment facilities, 10,000 gallons per day or less	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$543	
Publicly owned treatment facilities, more than 10,000 gallons per day to 0.1 million gallons per day	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$689	
Publicly owned treatment facilities, more than 0.1 million gallons per day to 1.0 million gallons per day	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$1,063	

Publicly owned treatment facilities, more than 1.0 million gallons per day to 5.0 million gallons per day	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$2,241
Publicly owned treatment facilities, greater than 5 million gallons per day or with significant industrial waste	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$7,850
Major industrial facility, process wastewater (based on EPA list of major source discharges)	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$33,919
Other industrial facility, process wastewater	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$2,093
Food handling or packaging wastewater	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$1,135
<del>Fish-rearing</del> <u>Terrestrial fish-rearing</u> facility 0.1 million gallons per day or less	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$538
<del>Fish-rearing</del> <u>Terrestrial fish-rearing</u> facility over 0.1 million gallons per day	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$1,368

Marine aquaculture facility	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$529	
<u>Marine finfish aquaculture facility</u>	<u>annual fee</u>	<u>\$1,682</u>	<u>\$1,682</u>	
Noncontact cooling water	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$330	
Industrial or commercial sources, miscellaneous or incidental nonprocess wastewater	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$626	
Municipal combined sewer overflow	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$711	
Sanitary wastewater, excluding overboard discharge	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$1,268	
Sanitary overboard discharge, commercial sources	annual fee	2011 bill amount	\$446	\$75
Sanitary overboard discharge, residential sources 600 gallons per day or less	annual fee	2011 bill amount	\$231	\$75

Sanitary overboard discharge, residential sources more than 600 gallons per day	annual fee	2011 bill amount	\$313	\$75
Sanitary overboard discharge, public sources	annual fee	2011 bill amount	\$315	\$75
Aquatic pesticide application	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$1,110	
Snow dumps	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$550	
Salt and sand storage pile	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$738	
Log storage permit	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$727	
General permit coverage for industrial storm water discharges (except construction)	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$588	
General permit coverage for marine aquaculture facility	annual fee	<del>2019 bill amount</del> \$1,682	<del>\$230</del> \$1,682	
<u>General permit coverage for municipal separate storm sewer system</u>	<u>annual fee</u>	<u>\$1,306</u>	<u>\$1,306</u>	
General permit coverage (other)	annual fee	2019 bill amount	\$283	

Experimental discharge license	license fee	2019 bill amount	\$1,550
New or amended mixing zone, in addition to other applicable fees	flat fee	\$9,254	---
Formation of sanitary district	flat fee	\$693	---
Transfer of license for residential or commercial sanitary wastewater	flat fee	\$140	---

On an annual basis, municipalities and publicly owned treatment works whose combined sewer overflows have the potential to affect shellfish harvesting areas as determined by the department by virtue of their locations within estuarine or marine waters of the State must be assessed a surcharge on their wastewater discharge licenses in a total amount of \$12,000. This amount must be allocated among the municipalities and publicly owned treatment works according to their prior 3-year average annual flows as reported to the department.

On an annual basis, publicly owned treatment works whose outfalls licensed for the discharge of treated effluent cause adjacent shellfish growing areas to be closed for the purposes of harvesting shellfish must be assessed a license surcharge in a total amount of \$25,000. This amount must be allocated among the publicly owned treatment works according to the acreage that each licensed outfall closes. This acreage must be determined by the Department of Marine Resources in consultation with the department.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF**

### **Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421**

Initiative: Provides allocations for expenditures that support activities for water quality control operations, including licensing, compliance evaluation, monitoring, data acquisition, data management and administration.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$55,791	\$57,409
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$55,791</b>	<b>\$57,409</b>