

## Appendix B Table

### Maine 123<sup>rd</sup> Legislature

#### Recent (May-June 07) bills enacted that may influence KRI goals and projects

To obtain detailed information on an enacted law, including the public law text, use this search hotlink-  
<http://janus.state.me.us/legis/ros/lom/lawsrch.htm> and type, for example, "LD 780"

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LD 780 6/15/07	Rep. Beaudette	An Act to Enhance Redevelopment of Mill Buildings	This resolve creates a working group to advance the redevelopment of mill buildings.
LD 277 6/15/07	Sen. Raye	An Act to Require Mapping of Conservation Easements, Purchases and Gifts	This bill directs the Executive Department, State Planning Office to develop and maintain a database containing information on public and private lands on which, for conservation or recreation purposes, development is prohibited or restricted. It directs the State Planning Office to work with the Maine Library of Geographic Information to produce and make available to the public a map on which these lands are located.
LD 1414 6/12/07	Rep. Piotti	An Act to Support Farms and Limit Sprawl	This bill allows a municipality to enter into arrangements under which the municipality obligates itself to make farm support payments equal to property taxes to the owner of qualified farmland and the owner of that farmland grants to the municipality a limited 30-year easement protecting the farmland from development.

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LD 1477	Rep. Koffman	An Act Concerning the Natural Resources Protection Laws and Related Provisions	This bill amends the Natural Resources Protection Act and related provisions with changes that affect: the definition of "permanent structure," the definition of "significant wildlife habitat," impacts on wetlands, allowed uses and activities in "significant wildlife habitat" areas, shorebird feeding, staging and roosting areas, activity affecting significant vernal pool habitat or potential significant vernal pool habitat, and setback requirements for habitat areas.
LD 1508 6/12/07	Sen. Mitchell	An Act to Protect the Scenic Value of the Kennebec River	This bill enacts measures designed to protect the scenic value of the Kennebec River. In order to accomplish this, the Department of Environmental Protection is directed to: 1. Require greater buffer zones with natural vegetation on the riverbank; 2. Take measures to protect the integrity of the river; and 3. Restore and remediate the existing gravel pits along the river.
LD 1528 6/14/07	Sen. Damon	An Act to Protect Native Diadromous Fish During their Migration	This resolve requires the Departments of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, Marine Resources, and Environmental Protection to report back to the Legislative Committees of Marine Resources and Natural Resources on the status of plans to provide diadromous fish passage on all rivers of the State, identify impediments to carrying out those plans and develop options to remove those impediments.
LD 340 05/03/07	Rep. Hill	An Act to Require the Replacement of Trees Cut in Shoreland Areas	This bill requires a person who cuts a tree in violation of the laws regulating shoreland zoning to replace the tree with a tree of substantially similar size and species.

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LD 366 05/17/07	Rep. Bryant	An Act To Make Additions and Deletions to the List of State Endangered and Threatened Species	<p><b>Additions to the list include:</b>                      Redfin pickerel, endangered;                      Juniper hairstreak, endangered;                      Rapids clubtail, endangered;                      New England cottontail, endangered;                      Black-crowned night heron, threatened;                      Common moorhen, threatened;                      Great cormorant, (breeding population only), threatened;                      Short-eared owl, (breeding population only), threatened;                      Purple lesser fritillary, threatened;                      Sleepy duskywing, threatened;                      Boreal snaketail, threatened;                      Brook floater, threatened;                      Barrow's goldeneye, threatened;                      Least bittern, endangered.</p>
LD 449 6/14/07	Rep. Beaudette	An Act to Support and Create Creative Economy Businesses	<p>This resolve directs the Director of the State Planning Office within the Executive Department to meet with the Maine Arts Commission and other stakeholders involved with the creative economy to gather ideas for improving and expanding living and work space for people engaged in the creative economy and to report back to the Legislature's Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development.</p>
LD 455 6/01/07	Rep. Jackson	An Act to Restrict Use of Trails Designed for All-terrain Vehicles	<p>This bill clarifies the definition of an all-terrain vehicle in the statutes and enacts restrictions on the use of all-terrain vehicle trails, including limiting truck use on the trails designed for all-terrain vehicle use.</p>

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LD 525 05/03/07	Rep. Annis	Resolve, to Stimulate Tourism Development Projects	This resolve directs the Office of Tourism to develop a nature-based tourism program in 3 separate areas of the State and requires the office to report on its progress in developing the program to the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development by February 1, 2008.
LD 559 06/15/07	Rep. Joy	An Act Regarding the Valuation of Land within Buffer Areas Established under the Natural Resources Protection Laws	This bill provides that in the assessment of property, the effect on value of designation of land as significant wildlife habitat may be used in determining just value.
LD 876 05/03/07	Rep. Pieh	Resolve, To Study Maine's Agricultural Creative Economy Sector	<p>This resolve directs the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the Department of Labor, the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Conservation to collaborate on a study of the creative, rural agricultural value-added sector of the State's economy.</p> <p>This resolve directs the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to submit the study to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature along with any recommended legislation no later than December 5, 2007.</p>
LD 1117 05/16/07	Sen. Mills	An Act to Amend the Charter of the Somerset Woods Trustees	This bill clarifies that the Somerset Woods Trustees corporation has the right to sell, barter and convey any real estate it may hold in the corporation's name. The bill also removes the limitation as to where the corporation may use the proceeds derived from property owned by the corporation.

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LD 1180 06/01/07	Rep. Piotti	An Act to Promote Transportation Planning, Increase Efficiency and Reduce Sprawl	This bill establishes a program within the Department of Transportation for transportation planning incentive funding to encourage sound transportation planning and reduce the cost of future highway improvement projects.
LD 1219 06/05/07	Sen. Mitchell	A Resolve to Study Flood Control and Water Storage.	This resolve directs the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Emergency Management Agency to study current state and federal laws regarding flood control and water storage by hydropower facilities and report back to the Legislature's Committee on Natural Resources.
LD 1803 06/05/07	Rep. Koffman	An Act to Clarify Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Ordinances	This bill makes changes to the laws governing growth management.