

94-409
MAINE INDIAN TRIBAL-STATE COMMISSION
Maine Administrative Procedure Act
2026–2027 Regulatory Agenda
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AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: 94-409

AGENCY NAME: Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission (MITSC or Commission)

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EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA: None

EXPECTED 2026–2027 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: 94-409 C.M.R. ch. 201: Fishing on Waters under Jurisdiction of Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission.

STATUTORY BASIS: 30 M.R.S. § 6207(3), 6207-C(3) (2023)

PURPOSE: The Commission is adopting new fishing regulations for waters subject to its jurisdiction that were added to Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Passamaquoddy Tribe, or Penobscot Nation tribal territory after 1998. The Commission also will adopt amendments to resolve or reduce discrepancies between the existing fishing rules of MITSC, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, and the Penobscot Nation. It is anticipated that 94-409 C.M.R. ch. 201 will be wholly repealed and replaced in accordance with 29-950 ch. 800, Section 2(1)(A).

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: The proposed amendments will be developed in coordination with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, and the Penobscot Nation. Biologists and/or resource managers from each jurisdiction will be consulted. An initial draft of the proposed rules will be completed by February 26, 2027, and circulated for internal review and comment. The schedule thereafter depends on whether the rules are designated as “major substantive” and subject to public hearing and legislative review, which will delay final adoption of the amended rules to 2028.

AFFECTED PARTIES: People desiring to fish in the waters under MITSC’s jurisdiction.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULEMAKING DEVELOPMENT: N/A

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