

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

2 **PART DDD**

3 **Sec. DDD-1. Working group established to achieve savings in natural**  
4 **resources departments.** By March 15, 2011, a working group shall report to the Joint  
5 Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs a plan, including any  
6 necessary implementing legislation, to achieve savings of \$1,250,000 during fiscal year  
7 2010-11 in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the Department of  
8 Conservation, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of  
9 Marine Resources.

10 **Sec. DDD-2. Membership.** The working group members are: the Commissioner  
11 of Administrative and Financial Services or the commissioner's designee, who serves as  
12 chair; the Director of the State Planning Office within the Executive Department or the  
13 director's designee; the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department  
14 of Administrative and Financial Services or the director's designee; the Chief Information  
15 Officer of the Office of Information Technology within the Department of Administrative  
16 and Financial Services or the chief information officer's designee; and a policy advisor in  
17 the Office of the Governor selected by the Governor. The Executive Department, State  
18 Planning Office and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Division  
19 of Financial and Personnel Services shall provide staff assistance to the working group.

20 **Sec. DDD-3. Duties.** In developing the plan to achieve the savings required under  
21 section 1, the working group shall:

22 1. Seek to implement the 8 recommendations of the 2008 report of the natural  
23 resources agency task force appointed by the Governor to implement Public Law 2007,  
24 chapter 539, Part YY, section 2. These recommendations include: marketing Maine's  
25 natural resources; reviewing business processes involved in natural resources agency  
26 ministerial licenses to create a system that serves all clients; consolidating management of  
27 state boat launch facilities; collocating natural resources agency staff in regional offices;  
28 aligning natural resources agency districts; establishing a single entity to manage public  
29 lands and public access consistent with management goals; prioritizing natural resources  
30 programs and services to focus on critical needs; and reviewing natural resources  
31 advisory boards and committees regarding effectiveness;

32 2. Consult with the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the  
33 Commissioner of Conservation, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and  
34 the Commissioner of Marine Resources. The commissioners shall provide all  
35 information and assistance requested by the working group;

36 3. Coordinate and streamline functions, services and activities;

37 4. Eliminate duplication of services and administrative activities; and

38 5. Otherwise create efficiencies and cost savings in the provision of services.

