2 PART DDD

- **Sec. DDD-1.** Working group established to achieve savings in natural resources departments. By March 15, 2011, a working group shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs a plan, including any necessary implementing legislation, to achieve savings of \$1,250,000 during fiscal year 2010-11 in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the Department of Conservation, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources.
- **Sec. DDD-2. Membership.** The working group members are: the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services or the commissioner's designee, who serves as chair; the Director of the State Planning Office within the Executive Department or the director's designee; the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services or the director's designee; the Chief Information Officer of the Office of Information Technology within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services or the chief information officer's designee; and a policy advisor in the Office of the Governor selected by the Governor. The Executive Department, State Planning Office and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Division of Financial and Personnel Services shall provide staff assistance to the working group.
- **Sec. DDD-3. Duties.** In developing the plan to achieve the savings required under section 1, the working group shall:
- 1. Seek to implement the 8 recommendations of the 2008 report of the natural resources agency task force appointed by the Governor to implement Public Law 2007, chapter 539, Part YY, section 2. These recommendations include: marketing Maine's natural resources; reviewing business processes involved in natural resources agency ministerial licenses to create a system that serves all clients; consolidating management of state boat launch facilities; colocating natural resources agency staff in regional offices; aligning natural resources agency districts; establishing a single entity to manage public lands and public access consistent with management goals; prioritizing natural resources programs and services to focus on critical needs; and reviewing natural resources advisory boards and committees regarding effectiveness;
- 2. Consult with the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the Commissioner of Conservation, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Commissioner of Marine Resources. The commissioners shall provide all information and assistance requested by the working group;
  - 3. Coordinate and streamline functions, services and activities;
  - 4. Eliminate duplication of services and administrative activities; and
- 38 5. Otherwise create efficiencies and cost savings in the provision of services.

**Sec. DDD-4.** Contingency adjustment. In the event that the working group described in section 2 fails to identify the savings required on or before March 15, 2011, the State Budget Officer shall calculate the proportionate share of \$1,250,000 in savings identified in the Statewide Natural Resources account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services of each of the natural resources departments listed in section 1 based on each department's respective authorized General Fund appropriations. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Budget Officer shall transfer by financial order the amount of each department's respective share of \$1,250,000, upon approval of the Governor. These transfers are considered adjustments to appropriations in fiscal year 2010-11.

11 SUMMARY

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This Part creates a working group to achieve \$1,250,000 in savings in fiscal year 2010-11 in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Conservation and the Department of Marine Resources. The working group is to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs a plan to achieve these savings by March 15, 2011. If the working group fails to identify the savings required, the State Budget Officer is required to calculate each natural resources department's proportionate share of the \$1,250,000 and transfer by financial order the amount of each department's respective share upon approval of the Governor.