OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 26 FY 19/20
DATE March 27, 2020

AN ORDER REGARDING CERTAIN WATERCRAFT LAWS ENFORCED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISH & WILDLIFE

WHEREAS, I proclaimed a state of emergency on March 15, 2020 to authorize the use of emergency powers in order to expand and expedite the State's response to the many different effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, this Order is necessary to promote healthy and safe activities, encourage social distancing; mitigate concerns related to isolation; and allow Department of Inland Fish & Wildlife enforcement staff to focus their attention on resource related issues; and

WHEREAS, the governor's emergency powers expressly include the authorities to adjust time frames and deadlines imposed by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, pursuant to 37-B M.R.S. Ch. 13, including but not limited to 37-B M.R.S. §742(1)(C)(13)(a), do hereby Order as follows:

I. ORDERS

A. The requirement set forth in 12 M.R.S. §13056 (1-A)(A) and (1-B) to display a valid certificate of number and a validation sticker for watercraft operation is adjusted to April 30, 2020.

B. The requirement set forth in 12 M.R.S. § 13066 to display an excise tax decal is adjusted to April 30, 2020.

C. The requirement set forth in 36 M.R.S. § 1504 to pay watercraft excise tax is adjusted to April 30, 2020.

II. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Order is effective March 27, 2020 and shall remain in effect until amended, rescinded or the State of Civil Emergency to Protect Public Health is terminated, whichever happens first.

Janet T. Mills
Governor