Office of
The Governor

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DATE April 7, 2020

AN ORDER REGARDING GUIDE LICENSING AND OUTDOOR ETHICS 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, the governor's emergency powers pursuant to 37-B M.R.S. §742(1)(C)(13)(a) expressly include the authority to expressly include the authorities to adjust time frames and deadlines, and the authority pursuant to 37-B M.R.S. §742(1)(C)(1) and §834 to suspend the enforcement of certain statutes, orders or rules when coping with the effects of an emergency; 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;

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 the provisions cited above, do hereby Order as follows:

I. ORDERS

A. The renewal dates for guide licenses issued pursuant to 12 M.R.S. §12853(6) and §12855(1) and that expired December 31st, 2019 are extended to December 31st for 2020.

B. The Commissioner shall postpone testing for new guide applicants pursuant to 12 M.R.S. §12853(3) and §12855(1) until after the state of emergency is terminated.

C. The timeframe for the Commissioner to reinstate licenses, permits, and registrations without completing an outdoor ethics course pursuant to 12 M.R.S. §10903(1) and §10903-A is adjusted to December 31, for 2020.

II. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Order is April 7, 2020.

Janet T. Mills
Governor