

Status of Municipal Shoreland Zoning Updates

BEP-established deadline for
updates was July 1, 2009

Current Status

- 147 towns are fully compliant
- 64 towns are compliant with conditional approval
- 146 towns are continuing to work on updates
- 53 towns are expecting state-imposed ordinances
- 43 towns are “missing in action”

Where are we going from here?

- No plans to begin adopting state-imposed ordinances (SIO) until spring 2010 town meetings, in part due to past mapping issues with moderate and high value waterfowl and wading bird habitats.
- We are beginning the mapping process for expected SIO towns, so that we are ready to initiated rule-making process in 2010.

Suggestions for delinquent towns

- Continue/begin working on updates.
- Forward draft ordinances to DEP staff before local vote.
- Towns with conditional approvals should fix flaws in ordinance at next town meeting.
- Don't forget to update the map consistent with the moderate/high value waterfowl and wading bird habitat.

State-wide timber harvesting standards

- We need 252 of the top 336 timber harvesting towns to adopt state-wide standards verbatim or to repeal all local regulation of timber harvesting in the shoreland zone. (75%)
- Standards become effective the first day of January of the 2nd year following the year in which DOC determines threshold is met.

Current Status

- State-wide standards adopted: 57 towns
- Timber harvesting regulation repealed: 126 towns
- Towns retaining current standards: 41 towns
- Total of 224 towns
- Percentage of towns choosing options 1 or 2:
 $57 + 126 / 224 = 81\%$