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Amend the resolve in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "authorized." and inserting in its place the following: 'authorized only if the rule is amended to provide that the definition of "shorebird coastal feeding area" includes a zone of 250 feet around the feeding area; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2 Adoption of rules. Resolved: That rules concerning significant wildlife habitat adopted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that define habitat for species appearing on the official state or federal lists of endangered and threatened species and high and moderate value travel corridors are major substantive rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report, directs that the rule be amended to provide that the definition of "shorebird coastal feeding area" includes a zone of 250 feet around the feeding area. This change will make the rules of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the rules of the Department of Environmental Protection regarding significant wildlife habitat consistent with each other. The amendment also requires that rules adopted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that define habitat for species appearing on the official state or federal lists of endangered and threatened species and high and moderate value travel corridors are major substantive rules.