



MEMORANDUM
Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife
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Date: December 11, 2015
To: Lt. Adam Gormely
From: Chandler Woodcock, Commissioner
Subject: Potential Construction of Shooting Range on Standish Game Sanctuary

After careful review of statutes relevant to the Standish Sanctuary it is the opinion of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that placing a shooting range on the Standish Sanctuary would not violate any Title 12 statutes that the Department administers.

Listed below are related Title 12 statutes:

§12701. COMMISSIONER'S AUTHORITY OVER SANCTUARIES; MANAGEMENT AREAS AND ACCESS SITES

1. Public use.

The commissioner may, pursuant to section 10104, adopt rules regulating hunting, fishing, trapping or other public use of any wildlife management area or wildlife sanctuary as designated in section 12706, subsection 1, except that a landowner may not be prohibited from operating any vehicle on land on which that person is domiciled. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

§12706. Wildlife sanctuaries

DD. Standish Sanctuary: The following described territory in the Town of Standish in the County of Cumberland: Beginning at the point where the Maine Central railroad crosses the Pequaket Trail in Steep Falls; thence southerly and easterly by said Pequaket Trail, the Oak Hill Road, so-called, and the so-called back road from Steep Falls to Richville to its junction with the Rich Mill Road, so-called; thence by said Mill Road northeasterly to its junction with the road leading from Sebago Lake to East Sebago; thence by the last named road northerly to a point approximately 1 1/4 miles north of the Maine Central railroad crossing; thence by a certain wood road westerly to its junction with the Maine Central railroad; thence by said railroad northwesterly to the point of beginning. All roads and the Maine Central railroad right-of-way that serve to bound said Standish Game Sanctuary are a part of said sanctuary. For provisions relating specifically to Standish Sanctuary, see section 12707, subsection 5;

§12707 – 5. Unlawful activity in wildlife sanctuary; general prohibitions and exceptions

5. Carrying loaded firearm on bounds of Standish Sanctuary. A person may not carry a loaded firearm on any road or on the Maine Central Railroad right-of-way that bounds the Standish Game Sanctuary.

A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

B. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime.