



NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR STAKEHOLDER INPUT: NEW SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL CAMP RULE

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) is launching a public stakeholder period to seek input in creating a new rule that would clarify and describe licensing requirements for sporting and recreational camps.

Maine law at Title 22 MRS § 2492(1)(D) requires a license for any recreational or sporting camps in Maine.

Recreational camp or sporting camp is defined at 22 MRS § 2491(11) as “...*a building or group of buildings devoted primarily to the offering of eating and lodging facilities to guests only, with 4 or more rooms or cottages for rent, for a fee to persons seeking recreation, including snowmobiling, hunting, fishing and similar activities, not including programs overseen by employees or volunteers of municipalities and educational institutions when the activities generally take place at municipal or institutional properties and buildings.*”

Maine CDC would like input on the following questions:

1. Do sporting and recreational camps in Maine typically provide meals to their guests? Would you consider that part of Maine’s tradition of operating a sporting and recreational camp?
2. What services are typically offered to guests at sporting or recreational camps? Lodging, a package that includes both lodging and meals, or both, where guests may choose either lodging only or both food and lodging?
3. If meals are provided by a sporting or recreational camp, do you believe that these meals should be able to be prepared in the same kitchen as the camp owner’s personal kitchen, or do you believe that there should be a separate kitchen devoted to sporting or recreational camp food preparation? Please provide reasons for your answer.

4. When sporting or recreational activities are offered to guests, how involved is the camp with also organizing and facilitating these activities? Do they provide guide service? Do they lead tours? Do they offer equipment for the activity? Do they provide training, to ensure that the sporting or recreational activity is safe?
5. What activities are guests at sporting and recreational participating in? Where are the activities located, in proximity to the sporting and recreational camp premises?
6. Describe the restroom facilities provided at sporting camps. Are they outhouses/privies? Are they facilities with indoor plumbing located inside a lodge or camp? Is there a bath house containing restroom fixtures separate from the lodge or the camps? Are showers provided?
7. Should the new Sporting and Recreational Camp Rule establish different categories of camps, which would be subject to different standards, based on their category?

How to Provide Stakeholder Input: Please submit your written feedback to Maine CDC Policy Analyst Andrew Hardy at andrew.hardy@maine.gov by 5:00 PM on June 30, 2023.

What Happens Next: Once Maine CDC receives all stakeholder feedback, the agency will review these submissions in preparation of their proposed new rule. Notice of the proposed rule will be published in five major newspapers via the Secretary of State's Office, electronically on its site at <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/notices.html>, as well as on the Maine DHHS rulemaking site at <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/about/rulemaking>.

The Maine CDC Health Inspection Program will also send direct notice through email to all current sporting and recreational camp licensees. If you would like to receive direct notification of upcoming rulemaking, please contact Andrew Hardy at andrew.hardy@maine.gov to request being added to the Interested Parties list for rulemaking. All interested parties will then have the opportunity to provide further public comment during formal rulemaking.