

**Draft of Dog Rules for Goose Rocks Beach to be included in "New Dog Ordinance" (with IN SEASON OFF-LEASH PROVISION (DRAFT DATED 1/10-*adjusted 1/12 at para 1 c) to reflect Oct 1 and hours of 12 – 2 PM*)**

1. At Goose Rocks Beach, dogs are required to be on Leash, pet waste bags must be brought onto the beach, pet waste must be picked up immediately and disposed of properly, and dogs must be kept at least 200 feet from any Endangered Species Protected Area.

There are THREE exceptions to the foregoing:

- a) From April 1 to September 30, if under Voice and Sight Control, dogs may be off leash between 6 am and 7:30 am, however no dog may be off leash in the West End Plover Protection Area.
- b) From June 15 to September 30, dogs are not permitted on the beach from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM
- c) From October 1 through March 31, if under Voice and Sight Control, dogs may be off leash during daylight hours, except for the hours of 12-2 PM when they must remain on leash.

2. If directed by a public safety staff member or another person designated by the Town of Kennebunkport or other governmental authorities to monitor compliance with these rules, a responsible party shall be required to leash their dog.

3. Paragraph 1 (a) above does not apply to service dogs.

4. Amendments:

(a) Municipal officials may adjust the borders of the Protected Area(s) in order to better comply with statutes and regulations which protect and preserve endangered species. Dog access rules and penalties within this area may be adjusted as necessary in order to comply with such statutes and regulations. Municipal officials shall consult with the Beach Advisory Committee before making any such changes, unless done on an emergency basis.

(b) The GRB Dog Rules should be included in the Town-wide ordinance, but may be amended by municipal officials, following consultation with the Beach Advisory Committee.

5. Enforcement / Violation/ Penalties: 1st offense- \$50; 2nd offense -\$100; 3rd offense and subsequent offense - \$250 and may be adjusted by municipal officials

**The definitions below apply to the Dog Rules for Goose Rocks Beach**

a. **Leash:** Hand held device, 15 feet or less in length, which can be used to restrain a dog.

b. **Endangered Species Protected Areas:**

i. Any area of Goose Rocks Beach that have been roped off, fenced off or otherwise demarcated or posted by government officials or their agents to protect the nesting site of a piping plover or of any other endangered species protected under federal and/or state law.

ii. The **West End Plover Protection Area** begins at Norwood Avenue and continues westerly to the Batson River.

c. **Voice and Sight Control:** "Voice Control" means that the dog returns immediately to and remains by the side of a responsible party in response to such responsible party's verbal command. "Sight Control" means that dog is always within sight of the responsible party and the dog is capable of complying with Voice Control. A responsible party who has a dog under Voice and Sight Control must always have a Leash in their possession. If a dog approaches or remains within 10 feet of any person other than the responsible party, that dog is not under Voice Control, unless such person has communicated to the responsible party by spoken word or gesture that such person consents to the presence of the dog. If a dog is barking repeatedly, it is not under Voice and Sight Control.