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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

LOON ECHO INLAND TRUST, INC.

Pursuant to 13-B M.R.S.A. §403, the undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) of a corporation, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

FIRST: The name of the corporation is LOON ECHO INLAND TRUST, INC.

SECOND: The corporation is organized for all purposes permitted under: Title 13-B, of the Maine Revised Statutes and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or, if not for all such purposes, then for the following purpose or purposes:

- (a) To engage in or otherwise promote for the benefit of the general public the preservation of the natural resources primarily in, but not limited to, the Casco-Naples region, County of Cumberland, and the State of Maine, and areas contiguous to it. These resources shall include land and water resources, the plant and animal life thereon, and unique scenic, agricultural, recreational, natural and historical sites;
- (b) To engage in and promote the scientific study of and education regarding natural resources;
- (c) To use all property held or controlled by the corporation and the net earnings thereof for the benefit of the general public and for charitable, educational, recreational, scenic, conservation, scientific or historical purposes.

THIRD: In conformity with the purposes set forth in Paragraph SECOND, the corporation shall accept primarily by gift, devise or bequest, but also may obtain by purchase, lease, or otherwise, property, and interests therein, including but not limited to development rights therein, and other property, real, personal or mixed, of unique historic, scenic, recreational, agricultural

and natural significance. Other specific purposes of the corporation shall be to maintain open space areas where the interaction of natural forces and conditions may be studied, to provide preserves for wildlife, agricultural land, and natural growth areas and to demonstrate and teach the necessity of preserving our natural heritage by conservation and preservation so that future generations may enjoy it.

FOURTH: The corporation shall be authorized to acquire by gift, devise, bequest, lease, purchase or otherwise, real property and personal property both tangible and intangible, and interests therein, with or without restriction of use, in accordance with the corporate purposes; to hold for investment or in trust and to sell, lease, mortgage, encumber or dispose of any such real estate, personal property or other proper evidence of indebtedness of any person, firm, partnership, association or corporation for the benefit solely of this corporation, and not for pecuniary profit.

FIFTH: No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

SIXTH: The foregoing enumeration of specific powers shall not be deemed to be exclusive, and in general the corporation shall have the power to do all things incidental, necessary or convenient to the carrying out of its general aims and as permitted by the laws of the State of Maine as amended from time to time and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

SEVENTH: This corporation shall exist in perpetuity, but in the event of dissolution of the corporation or the termination of its activities, the assets of the corporation remaining after the payment of all its liabilities shall be distributed exclusively to one or more organizations organized and operated exclusively for such purposes as shall then qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and as a charitable, religious, eleemosynary, benevolent or educational corporation within the meaning of Title 13-B, of the Maine Revised Statutes as amended.

Any corporation succeeding to title to property or interest in property of the Loon Echo Inland Trust

shall be required to conform to those restrictions or limitations of use applicable thereto, and shall administer such properties in a manner compatible with the general purposes of the Loon Echo Inland Trust, insofar as this may be accomplished.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, directors, or officer of the corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation in carrying out one or more of its purposes), and no member, director or officer of the corporation, or any private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation.

EIGHTH: The name of the corporation's Registered Agent and address of the registered office is as follows:

Daniel L. Peabody, Esq. Thompson & Peabody, P.A. P.O. Box 617 Lakes Region Professional Center, Route 302 Naples, Maine 04055

NINTH: The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation shall be seven (7). The minimum number of directors shall be seven (7) and the maximum number of directors shall be twenty-one (21).

TENTH: The corporation initially shall have one class of membership with equal voting rights. The Board of Directors shall approve members under the procedures specified in the Bylaws and may establish membership categories with different dues requirements. The members shall elect the Board of Directors. Only the Board of Directors may vote on amendments to the Articles of Incorporation or on fundamental changes in the corporation.

There shall be honorary members who pay \$10.00 membership dues once a year, members are persons that own or come to the Lake Region Area. Dated: June 22, 1987

INCORPORATORS

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