

Chapter Thirty-Eight

Firearms

Sec. 38-101. Discharge of Firearms Within the Town of Owl's Head.

Sec. 38-102. Specific Limitation Regarding Sheep Island.

Legislative history: The Town of Owl's Head voted at the August 10, 1992 Special Town Meeting to pass an ordinance regulating the discharge of firearms within the Town. That ordinance specifically repealed two previous Town Meeting votes that had imposed various limitations on the type of firearms permitted to be used within the Town. An earlier vote at the March 10, 1969 Annual Town Meeting was not repealed. That vote limited Sheep Island to the use of shotguns and buckshot only in the hunting of game and target practice, due to the open expanse of water.

Sec. 38-101. Discharge of Firearms Within the Town of Owl's Head.

It shall be unlawful to discharge any firearm, other than a shotgun or other firearm that has a barrel with a length of twelve (12) inches or less, within the Town. This ordinance shall not apply to law enforcement officers and members of the military services who discharge a firearm while in the performance of their duties. This ordinance shall not apply to instances in which a firearm is used justifiably against a person, within the meaning of the Maine Criminal Code, in defense of person or property.

For the purposes of this Chapter of this Code, the word "*firearm*" shall mean any weapon which will expel a projectile by the action of an explosive and includes any such weapon commonly referred to as a pistol, revolver, rifle, gun, machine gun, or shotgun. For the purposes of this Chapter of this Code, the word "*shotgun*" shall mean a smooth bore firearm.

Violation of this Chapter shall be a civil infraction and shall subject violators to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and not more than five hundred (\$500.00) for each such discharge.

Sec. 38-102. Specific Limitation Regarding Sheep Island.

It shall be unlawful to discharge any firearm other than a shotgun or to use other than buckshot in the hunting of game and target practice on Sheep Island.