

Opponents of a planned casino in Oxford County have conceded defeat in the [recount](#) of the statewide referendum.

CasinosNo! and Oxford Hills No on 1 ended the process after a recount of about 25% of the votes showed no major changes from the original margin of 4,601 votes, CasinosNo! spokesman Dennis Bailey told the

*Portland Press Herald*. About 132,000 ballots were recounted and resulted in an additional 122 votes being counted in favor of Black Bear Entertainment's plan for the \$165 million casino resort in Oxford, according to a press release from the secretary of state's office. Bailey told the paper the group is still considering a legal challenge, saying the law's provision that only allows a single company to operate a casino is unconstitutional.

Black Bear Entertainment in November announced its [planned location](#) for the casino, a 100-acre parcel of former farmland on Route 26.

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