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H.P. 494

House of Representatives, February 25, 1993

An Act to Guide Cold-water Fisheries Management in Maine.

Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ZIRNKILTON of Mount Desert.

#### Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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### Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7034, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Cold-water fisheries management. The commissioner shall
formulate, develop and adopt a comprehensive statewide cold-water
fisheries management plan to guide cold-water fisheries
management, including cold-water fisheries stocking efforts, in
this State. To the maximum extent possible, the commissioner
shall provide for and encourage public input in the formulation
and development of the plan. In adopting a management plan
pursuant to this subsection, the commissioner shall give due
weight to public input received.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to formulate and adopt a comprehensive cold-water fisheries management plan to guide cold-water fisheries management, including cold-water fisheries stocking efforts, in this State. To the maximum extent possible, the commissioner shall provide for and encourage public input before adopting a management plan. The commissioner must give due weight to public input in adopting the plan.