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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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STATE OF MAINE  
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118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 598, L.D. 789, Bill, "An Act to List Specific Threatened and Endangered Species"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3 in the last line (page 2, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Zancolgnatha martha" and inserting in its place the following: 'Zanclognatha martha'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7754, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Annual report. The commissioner shall submit a written report by January 1st of each year to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters describing the status of all current and planned programs, activities and rules of the department pertaining to the conservation or management of endangered or threatened species. When appropriate, this report may be combined with any transplantation report required under subsection 1, paragraph D.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will incur some minor additional costs to submit the required annual report to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 This bill may increase prosecutions for Class E crimes. If  
4 a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties  
6 are estimated to be \$83.78 per day per prisoner. These costs are  
not reimbursed by the State. The number of prosecutions that may  
result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs to the county  
jail system are expected to be insignificant.

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10 The additional workload and administrative costs associated  
with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system  
12 can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial  
Department. The collection of additional fines may increase  
14 General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

16 **SUMMARY**

18 This amendment adds a provision to the bill that requires  
the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to submit an  
20 annual report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries  
and Wildlife describing all current and planned programs,  
22 activities and rules relating to the conservation of endangered  
or threatened species. This amendment also corrects a spelling  
24 error and adds a fiscal note.