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**Resolve, Directing the Department of Conservation To Create the
Kennebec River Historic Waterway**

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Speaker COLWELL of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec and
Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, McKEE of Wayne,
PERCY of Phippsburg, THOMPSON of China, Senators: BRYANT of Oxford, President
DAGGETT of Kennebec, MAYO of Sagadahoc.

2 **Sec. 1. Kennebec River Historic Waterway. Resolved:** That the
Department of Conservation shall design and establish the
4 Kennebec River Historic Waterway, referred to in this resolve as
"the waterway," from the former site of the Edwards Dam in
6 Augusta to Popham Beach in Phippsburg. In creating the waterway,
the department shall:

8 1. Integrate state land holdings and easements with
municipal holdings and launches;

10 2. Coordinate where possible with existing trails, historic
12 sites and scenic opportunities; and

14 3. Offer primitive camping sites at intervals along the
waterway to encourage canoeing, kayaking and other forms of
16 recreation; and be it further

18 **Sec. 2. Funding; assistance. Resolved:** That the Department of
Conservation shall seek to identify funding sources and technical
20 assistance that could help implement joint projects and
strategies in connection with creating the waterway; and be it
22 further

24 **Sec. 3. Local involvement; Resolved:** That the Department of
Conservation, in coordination with the Executive Department,
26 State Planning Office, shall seek the input and cooperation of
representatives of municipalities, land trusts, community groups,
28 conservation organizations and businesses that benefit from a
clean and healthy Kennebec River.

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32 **SUMMARY**

34 This resolve directs the Department of Conservation to
create the Kennebec River Historic Waterway from the former site
36 of the Edwards Dam in Augusta to Popham Beach in Phippsburg.