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3 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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5 **STATE OF MAINE**

6 **SENATE**

7 **129TH LEGISLATURE**

8 **FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 155, L.D. 490, Bill, "An Act To Give
10 the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the Authority To Change the Opening
11 Dates of Trapping Seasons Based on Weather Conditions"

12 Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

13 **'An Act To Give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the Authority**
14 **To Extend Any Trapping Season Based on Weather Conditions or Other Factors'**

15 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the
16 following:

17 **'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10105, sub-§18 is enacted to read:**

18 **18. Extend a trapping season.** The commissioner, based on sound scientific
19 wildlife management principles, may extend any open trapping season on any game
20 species for up to 21 days if the commissioner has concerns about weather conditions or
21 other unforeseen factors that may prevent publicly derived management goals from being
22 met.'

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This amendment replaces the bill. It gives the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and
25 Wildlife the authority to extend any open trapping season on any game species for up to
26 21 days if the commissioner has concerns about weather conditions or other unforeseen
27 factors that may prevent publicly derived management goals from being met as long as
28 the decision is based on sound scientific wildlife management principles.

29 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

30 (See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 490

LR 861(02)

An Act To Give the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the Authority To Change the Opening Dates of Trapping Seasons Based on Weather Conditions

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "1." *5-11*

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as result of changes to its authority to modify the duration of any open trapping season on any game species as a result of weather conditions or other unforeseen factors are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.