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L.D. 77

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STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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132ND LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 41,
L.D. 77, "An Act to Stabilize and Sustainably Fund the Department of Inland Fisheries and
Wildlife, Fisheries and Hatcheries Division by Increasing the Inland Fishing License Fees
and Establishing the Inland Fisheries Conservation and Enhancement Fund"

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Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title and substituting the
following:

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**'An Act to Stabilize and Sustainably Fund the Department of Inland Fisheries and
Wildlife, Fisheries and Hatcheries Division by Establishing the Inland Fisheries
Conservation and Enhancement Program'**

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Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 3 to 10 and inserting the
following:

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'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and
allocations are made.

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF

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Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

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Initiative: Provides funding for expenditures authorized in the Maine Revised Statutes,
Title 12, section 10252, subsection 1.

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

2025-26

2026-27

All Other

\$500,000

\$500,000

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$500,000

\$500,000

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Inland Fisheries Conservation and Enhancement Program N531

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Initiative: Provides baseline allocation to establish an account within the existing Fisheries
and Hatcheries Operations program, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

2025-26

2026-27

All Other

\$500

\$500

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$500

\$500

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HOUSE AMENDMENT

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 41, L.D. 77

**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE,
DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

2025-26 2026-27

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

\$500,500 \$500,500

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS

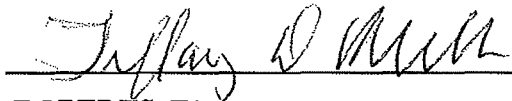
\$500,500 \$500,500

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the licensing fee increases from Committee Amendment "A."

SPONSORED BY:



(Representative ROBERTS, T.)

TOWN: South Berwick

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**

HOUSE AMENDMENT

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 77****LR 251(04)**

An Act to Stabilize and Sustainably Fund the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Fisheries and Hatcheries Division by Increasing the Inland Fishing License Fees and Establishing the Inland Fisheries Conservation and Enhancement Fund

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-641)

Sponsor: Rep. Roberts of South Berwick

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,974,000	\$1,974,000	\$1,974,000	\$1,974,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$1,974,000)	(\$1,974,000)	(\$1,974,000)	(\$1,974,000)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment removes the fee increases for certain inland fishing licenses included in the committee amendment, eliminating \$1,474,000 in projected General Fund revenue beginning in fiscal year 2025-26.

The amendment retains provisions from the committee amendment that (1) establish a new program, (2) expand the allowable uses of the existing Fish Hatchery Maintenance Fund (FHMF), an Other Special Revenue Funds account, and (3) require that \$2 from each license sold be deposited into the FHMF.

As a result, approximately \$500,000 in license revenue that would otherwise have been credited to the General Fund will instead be deposited into the FHMF as Other Special Revenue Funds revenue beginning in fiscal year 2025-26.