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132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 538

In Senate, March 27, 2025

Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Establish a Working Group to Explore Opportunities to Maintain Public Access of Land

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

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, DILL of Old Town.

Sec. 1. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife working group; access to land. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall convene a working group to explore opportunities to work with commercial landowners to establish public-private partnerships designed to maintain public access to privately owned land. For the purposes of this section, "commercial landowner" means an owner of land used primarily for commercial purposes. By December 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report, including recommendations and any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The joint standing committee may submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

10 SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to convene a working group to explore opportunities to work with commercial landowners to establish public-private partnerships designed to maintain public access to privately owned land.