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L.D. 1548

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(Filing No. S-312)

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 632, L.D. 1548, "An Act to Prevent the Introduction or Transfer of Invasive Fish Species in Inland Waters of the State"

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Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following:

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'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§8, ¶E, as amended by PL 2013, c. 538, §10, is further amended to read:

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E. Taking fish by explosive, poisonous or stupefying substances, in violation of section 12653; or

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Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§8, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 538, §11, is amended to read:

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F. Fishing or any violation of section 10906 while that person's license is revoked; or

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Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§8, ¶G is enacted to read:

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G. Illegally possessing live fish, in violation of section 12611.

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Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 2 in the last line (page 1, line 28 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "waters" the following: ', or in land-based aquaculture facilities.'

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Amend the bill in section 7 in §12512 in subsection 1 in the 3rd line (page 3, line 22 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "baitfish" the following: ', Atlantic salmon used in commercial aquaculture'

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

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SUMMARY

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This amendment makes the following changes to the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 632, L.D. 1548 (S-312)

1 1. It establishes that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife must suspend
2 a person's fishing license for at least one year if that person is convicted or adjudicated of
3 the illegal possession of live fish.

4 2. It establishes that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may not adopt
5 rules or issue permits governing any aspect of the commercial aquaculture of Atlantic
6 salmon in land-based facilities.

7 3. It adds language to clarify that the requirement for a permit to transport live fish does
8 not apply to Atlantic salmon used in commercial aquaculture.

9 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

10 (See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 06/02/25 **LRL**

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LR 573(02)

An Act to Prevent the Introduction or Transfer of Invasive Fish Species in Inland Waters of the State

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S312)

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase – Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional fines will increase General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt the changes in this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.