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Reported by Senator Wight of Penobscot from the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and printed under Joint Rules No. 10.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT to make Allocations from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game Receipts for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1954, and June 30, 1955.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves passed by the legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies ; and

Whereas, the said 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year ; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of the department of inland fisheries and game will become due and payable on or immediately after July 1, 1953 ; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety ; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows :

Sec. 1. Allocation of department of inland fisheries and game receipts. Receipts to the department of inland fisheries and game available by law for departmental purposes for the next two fiscal years—from July 1, 1953

to June 30, 1954 and from July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955—shall be segregated, apportioned, and expended as designated in the following schedules :

Summary	1953-54	1954-55
Estimated Balance Forward	\$ 280,000	\$ 151,270
Federal Grants	109,094	109,094
Other Departmental Revenue	1,366,327	1,366,327
Total Estimated Available	<u>\$1,755,421</u>	<u>\$1,626,691</u>
Less-Allocations	<u>1,604,151</u>	<u>1,495,431</u>
Balance Carried	<u><u>\$ 151,270</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 131,260</u></u>

Allocations for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1954.

Departmental Operations	\$1,316,294
Contributions and Transfers (Retirement)	56,357
Reserve for Contingencies	20,000
Fish Rearing Facilities in Arostook County	
Birch River site	165,000
Littleton	46,500
Total Allocations Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1954	<u>\$1,604,151</u>

Allocations for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1955.

Departmental Operations	\$1,320,074
Contributions and Transfers (Retirement)	55,357
Reserve for Contingencies	20,000
Fish Rearing Facilities in Cumberland County	100,000
Total Allocations Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1955	<u>\$1,495,431</u>

Amounting to \$1,604,151 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954 and \$1,495,431 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955.

Sec. 2. Reduction in revenue. In the event that actual revenue receipts are less than the estimated revenues projected for either year of the biennium ending June 30, 1955, the commissioner of the department of inland fisheries and game, with the approval of the governor and council, shall reduce the funds herein allocated for hatchery or rearing station construction, these reductions to offset, as nearly as possible, the reduction in revenue. If, however, due to emergencies unforeseen at this time, loss in revenue receipts exceed the amount allocated for hatcheries or rearing station construction, the commissioner of the department of inland fisheries and game, with the advice and consent of the governor and council, may re-allocate any unencumbered funds still remaining to the credit of the department of

inland fisheries and game, or should these amounts be insufficient, reduce expenditures in such a manner as will best serve the efficient operation of this department.

Sec. 3. Revenue in excess of estimates. In the event that actual revenue receipts are in excess of the estimated revenues projected for either year of the biennium ending June 30, 1955, this excess shall be set aside and its use shall be determined on the recommendation of the commissioner which shall be approved by the governor and council for the then needs of the department.

Sec. 4. Unencumbered allocated balances. At the end of each year of the biennium all unencumbered allocated balances representing inland fisheries and game monies shall be set aside and its use shall be determined on the recommendation of the commissioner which shall be approved by the governor and council for the then needs of the department.

Sec. 5. Contingent account. The reserve for contingencies, as herein established, shall be available for expenditures at the discretion of the commissioner of the department of inland fisheries and game for departmental purposes.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.