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Your memo of October 11, 1974, re 12 M.R.S.A. § 3601 (Chap. 697 of P.L. 1973)

Whether the provisions of Chapter 697 of the Public Laws of 1973 transfers the personnel of the Atlantic Sea Run salmon Commission to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game? Yes.

P.L. 1973, c. 697 explicitly transfers all accrued expenditures, assets, liabilities, balances of appropriations, transfers, revenues, etc. to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game. The purpose and intent of the Chapter is to create a constant administrative focal point for those dealing with the Commission by creating a permanent chairman.

"The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game shall act as permanent chairman and shall have sole authority over any administration and financial matters regarding the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission." (Emphasis supplied.) P.L. 1973, c. 697, § 1.

The Legislature did this by incorporating the Commission as a body within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game.

"The purpose of this thing is to consolidate in one point instead of on a rotating schedule who the chairman shall be of a three-member commission. It was deemed not advisable to do away with the salmon (sic) commission but to keep it as a body per se within the Department of Fische (sic) and Game simply to expedite the program which has now become the whole length of the New England coast." (Mr. Mills, H - February 12, 1974, Legislative Record.)

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