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AN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE RECREATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, recreational marine fisheries are important to the economy of Maine and the well-being of its citizens;

WHEREAS, the Department of Marine Resources can improve its research, planning and management of the State's marine resources by acquiring a better understanding of the needs and priorities of the growing recreational sector of marine fisheries in Maine; and

WHEREAS, the conservation and wise utilization of the State's resources is a high priority in which all members of the public should participate actively;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Angus S. King, Jr., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish the Recreational Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist the Commissioner of Marine Resources.

1. Purpose

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The purpose of the Recreational Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee shall be to advise the Commissioner of the Department of Marine Resources on issues pertaining to recreational marine fisheries including, but not limited to, the needs and priorities of the recreational sector, conservation measures, improvement of communication between recreational and commercial fisheries interests, and programs to enhance the status of recreational marine species.

2. Membership

The Committee shall be composed of no more than ten members, to be appointed by the Commissioner of Marine Resources. Members shall be selected to reflect diversity in both geographical residence and species of interest to the recreational sector. At least one of the Committee members shall be a member of the commercial fishing industry and shall serve as a liaison between the commercial and recreational fishing industries. Members shall be appointed for a two year term, and shall not serve more than two consecutive terms. Members shall serve until their successor is appointed.

3. Administration

The Department of Marine Resources shall provide support staff for the Committee from within existing resources. Members of the Committee shall serve without compensation.

4. Meetings

The Committee shall meet quarterly, except that special meetings may be called by the Commissioner or designee.

The effective date of this Executive Order is March 7, 1996.

Angus S. King, Jr., Governor