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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 119

H. P. 90

House of Representatives, January 18, 1967

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kennedy of Milbridge.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

RESOLVE, Providing Funds for the Narraguagus River Water Control Program.

Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission; appropriation for. Resolved: That there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission the sum of \$15,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 and the sum of \$8,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969 to carry out a program of water control for improved salmon production on the Narraguagus River. Any unexpended balance shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing account until June 30, 1970.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Restoration and management of the Atlantic salmon in the Narraguagus River in Washington County has moved steadily ahead since the inception of the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission in 1948. Initial stream survey established a problem with obstructions to fish migration, but this problem no longer exists. Now, more intensive management involves manipulation and reclamation of the stream habitat to grow more small salmon. Small salmon spend their first 2 years of life in the fast-moving parts of streams. The greater the suitable water area the more salmon will be grown in the stream.

The Narraguagus River is chronically plagued with low-water flows in the summer and early fall and the Narraguagus River basin does not have even one or 2 sites suitable for storing large quantities of water.

The Narraguagus water control program includes proposals for the construction of 4 dams.