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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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HARRY N. STARBRANCH Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE**

AN ACT to Make Allocations from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game Receipts for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1972 and June 30, 1973.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of 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, 1971; 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 2 fiscal years—from July 1, 1971 to June 30, 1972, and from July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973—shall be segregated, apportioned and expended as designated in the following schedules:

SUMMARY	1971-72	1972-73
Estimated balance forward	\$ 757,542	\$ 493,131
Federal grants	495,000	495,000

SUMMARY	1971-72	1972-73
Department Revenue	3,316,320	3,313,580
Transfer from Boat Registration	26,500	16,500
Transfer from Snowmobile Registration	100,000	100,000
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Total estimated available	\$4,695,362	\$4,418,211
Less allocations	4,202,231	4,134,140
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Balance carried	\$ 493,131	\$ 284,071
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Allocations for fiscal year ending June 30, 1972		
Departmental operations		\$3,925,196
Contribution to Retirement fund		260,635
Contribution to Employees Insurance		16,400
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Total Allocations Fiscal year ending June 30, 1972		\$4,202,231
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Allocations for fiscal year ending June 30, 1973		
Departmental operations		\$3,854,221
Contributions to Retirement Fund		263,519
Contributions to Employees Insurance		16,400
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Total Allocations fiscal year ending June 30, 1973		\$4,134,140
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Amounting to \$4,202,231 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972 and \$4,134,140 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973.

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, 1973, the Commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game shall reduce the expenditures of the department as will best serve the efficient operation of the department.

Sec. 3. Revenue in excess of estimates. Revenue in excess of the estimated revenues projected for either year of the biennium ending June 30, 1973 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 moneys 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. New programs established by the 105th Legislature. In the event that legislation is enacted by the 105th Legislature that would require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game to administer, and which is not considered in section 1, the department is authorized to employ the per-

sonnel necessary to carry out the intent of this legislation and to allot funds, with the approval of the Governor and Council, to finance the cost. These costs have not been considered in section 1.

Sec. 6. Legislation by the 105th Legislature which increases operating costs in excess of present budget. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Game is authorized to increase the amounts of their departmental operating costs shown in section 1 should legislation be enacted that would require funds in excess of those considered in that section.

Sec. 7. Additional federal funds. Should federal funds in excess of those shown in section 1 be made available to the department, additional funds may be allocated and expended upon the recommendation of the commissioner, with the approval of the Governor and Council.

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