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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 367 In Senate, February 27, 1973 Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Greeley of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Providing Funds for a Fishway at Pitcher Pond in Lincolnville.

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

- Sec. 1. Fishway. A fishway shall be erected under the supervision of the Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries at the outlet dam on Pitcher Pond in Lincolnville.
- Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$7,500 to be available to the Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries to carry out the purposes of this Act. This appropriation may be used for federal matching purposes and shall not lapse but shall be a continuing carrying account until the completion of said fishway.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Pitcher Pond alewife run is currently at a low level due to absence of fish passage facilities at the pond outlet. With adequate fish passage, an estimated annual production of 150,000 pounds valued at \$6,000 could be attained. Additional values would result from the stabilization of water flows through the fishway to provide good downstream water conditions for stream dwelling Atlantic salmon and brook trout resources. Young alewives would also provide additional forage for the warm water sport fishery in Pitcher Pond.

The cost of this fishway is estimated at \$15,000, of which \$7,500 is available from federal funds under the Anadromous Fisheries Act.