

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 277

H. P. 221

House of Representatives, January 22, 1975

Referred to Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Byers of Newcastle.

Cosponsor: Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

**AN ACT Providing Funds for a Fishway at Sherman Lake
Outlet in Newcastle.**

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 Marine Resources at the outlet dam on Sherman Lake in Newcastle.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Marine Resources the sum of \$13,000 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

Sherman Lake is a shallow, 237 acre impoundment that contains no fish passage facilities at the outlet dam. Only limited numbers of alewives enter the pond during ideal water flows and abnormally high tide conditions. The construction of a fishway will allow access of a greater number of alewives to fully utilize the available spawning area. Based on alewife production in similar areas, Sherman Lake should produce 100,000 pounds of alewives valued at \$3,300 annually. These fish will provide a much needed source of bait to local lobster fishermen as well as a raw material for reduction to fish meal.