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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
108TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 914, L.D. 1110, Bill,  
"AN ACT Relating to Tuna Fishing."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the  
enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'12 MRSA §3802, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Tuna exception. A nonresident may engage in commercial  
fishing for tuna as authorized under subsection 2, without a  
nonresident commercial fishing license if he has a current  
special tuna permit.

A. A special tuna permit may be issued to a nonresident  
who is a registered participant in a tuna tournament  
which is sponsored and operated by a nonprofit  
association or corporation that has existed for at least  
one year prior to the tournament. No person may be  
issued more than one permit in any one calendar year.

B. The special tuna permit shall entitle the permittee  
to fish for or take for sale and to sell only one tuna in  
any one calendar year. The permit shall be valid for the  
length of the tournament plus one day or for 7 days from  
the date of issue, whichever is shorter.

C. The permit fee is \$50, which may be credited against  
the license fee for a nonresident commercial fishing  
license that is issued to the permittee within 30 days  
of the issuing of the permit.

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

Fiscal Note

This amendment/<sup>will</sup> result in an anticipated gain of license fees of approximately \$1,500, because of the gain in permits caused by this exception to the nonresident commercial fishing licenses.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this /<sup>amendment</sup> is to authorize the issuing of special tuna permits to nonresidents registered in tuna tournaments. This will allow the tournament participant to catch and sell one tuna, and pay a permit fee of \$50. Presently, the license required is a nonresident commercial fishing license with a fee of \$200.

Reported by the Committee on Marine Resources.

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