

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1371

H. P. 1153

House of Representatives, March 30, 1977

On motion of Mr. Kelleher of Bangor, referred to the Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Shute of Stockton Springs.

Cosponsor: Mr. Mills of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Providing Funds for a Fishway at the Frankfort Dam in Frankfort.

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 the Frankfort Dam in Frankfort.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Marine Resources the sum of \$16,000 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 the fishway.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Marsh River has the potential to support a small commercial fishery for the anadromous alewife. With fish passage facilities at Frankfort and West Winterport, the commercial yield for the Marsh River is estimated at 225 to 500 bushels per year valued at \$600 to \$1,200 at 1976 landed values. As the alewives serve as an important source of bait for lobster fishermen, the expansion of the existing small run at Frankfort will provide benefits to area fishermen. In addition, other species such as salmon and shad will benefit from this fish passage facility.