

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1740**

H. P. 1630

Governor's Bill. Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested.

Office of the Clerk of the House  
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Blodgett of Waldoboro.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

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**AN ACT to Allow the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Exercise Limited Authority over the Conservation of Atlantic Salmon.**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 6171, sub-§ 2, first sentence**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is amended to read:

This section grants no authority to adopt regulations for the conservation of Atlantic salmon, **except as provided in section 6253, subsection 2.**

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 6253, sub-§ 2**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**2. Regulation authority. Only the following persons may regulate the conservation of Atlantic salmon.**

**A. The commission may adopt or amend regulations to conserve the Atlantic salmon.**

**B. The Commissioner of Marine Resources, under rule-making authority granted in section 6171, may regulate fishing for marine and anadromous species when such fishing activities endanger conservation of Atlantic salmon.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to allow the Commissioner of Marine Resources to

regulate fishing activities for marine and anadromous fish species when that fishing threatens the conservation of Atlantic salmon. Under current law, the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission has sole authority to regulate the conservation of Atlantic salmon. This bill would give the Commissioner of Marine Resources limited authority to protect Atlantic salmon.