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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1008

H. P. 842

House of Representatives, February 25, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Foster of Ellsworth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT Restricting a Section of the Union River in Ellsworth to Fly Fishing Only.

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

12 MRSA, § 7552-A is enacted to read:

§ 7552-A. Union River, Hancock county

1. Fly fishing only. From May 1st to October 15th, both days inclusive, it shall be unlawful to fish for any species of fish in an area on the Union River from the downstream side of the U.S. Route 1 bridge in Ellsworth, upstream to the Bangor hydro-electric dam, by any means other than fly fishing. For purposes of this section, fly fishing has the same definition as set forth in section 7001, subsection 12.

2. Alewife fishing. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to restrict or interfere with the municipality of Ellsworth in exercising its alewife fishing rights in accordance with section 6131.

3. Enforcement. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources shall have concurrent jurisdiction for the enforcement of this section.

4. Penalty. A violation of this section is a Class E crime, except that in addition to any penalty which the court might impose, a convicted person shall be fined \$25 for each fish illegally possessed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to restrict a portion of the Union River in Ellsworth to fly fishing only.