

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 503

7 H.P. 420

House of Representatives, February 1, 1983

8 Received by the Clerk of the House on February 1, 1983. Referred to the
9 Committee on Marine Resources, and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule
10 14.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Vose of Eastport.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 RESOLVE, Directing the Department of
18 Marine Resources to Erect a Fishway on the
19 Orange River in Whiting, Washington County.
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21 Commissioner of Marine Resources to erect fish-
22 way. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Marine
23 Resources is directed to cause the construction of a
24 fishway at the Crane Mill Dam on the Orange River in
25 Whiting, Washington County; and be it further

26 Resolved: That there is appropriated from the
27 General Fund the sum of \$90,000 for the fiscal year
28 ending June 30, 1984, to carry out the purpose of
29 this resolve. Any unexpended balance shall not lapse
30 but shall remain a continuing carrying account until
31 the purpose of this resolve has been accomplished.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The Orange River has the potential to produce a
3 large run of alewives if fish are provided access to
4 upriver lake spawning areas. Two dams presently
5 obstruct fish migration in the drainage. The Crane
6 Mill Dam, located near head of tide, and a 2nd dam,
7 located 1.1 miles upstream of the Crane Mill Dam. The
8 2nd dam, owned by the Department of Inland Fisheries
9 and Wildlife, has recently been rebuilt and a space
10 has been left to install a fishway when passage is
11 provided at the Crane Mill Dam. With passage at both
12 dams, it is anticipated that a commercial harvest of
13 alewives ranging from 250,000 to 500,000 pounds annu-
14 ally could be achieved. Alewives are an important
15 source of bait to the Maine lobster fishery and
16 development of this resource could provide a signifi-
17 cant contribution to local area fishermen.

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