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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1533,
L.D. 2016, Bill, "AN ACT to Establish a Commercial
Tag for Atlantic Salmon."

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10 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2
11 and inserting in its place the following:

12 'Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6253, sub-§5 is enacted to
13 read:

14 5. Regulations; Atlantic salmon. When requested
15 by the commission, the Commissioner of Marine Re-
16 sources, within the limits of section 6171, may
17 promulgate regulations as necessary to conserve At-
18 lantic salmon with the restriction that the regula-
19 tions apply only to coastal waters designated in sec-
20 tion 6255, subsection 2, and that the regulations
21 have a duration of no more than 72 hours. The advice
22 and consent of the advisory council shall be re-
23 quired.'

24 Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part
25 designated "§6255." in subsection 1 in the 4th line
26 (page 2, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the under-
27 lined word "fish" and inserting in its place the un-
28 derlined words "Atlantic salmon"

29 Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part
30 designated "§6255." in subsection 2 by striking out
31 all of paragraphs I and J and inserting in their
32 place the following:

33 'I. Penobscot River, above the upstream side of
34 the Joshua Chamberlain Bridge in Bangor;

35 J. Ducktrap River, above the 3 red posts set on
36 the shores approximately 1,000 feet downstream

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1 from the U.S. Route 1 bridge;

2 K. Saco River, above a line extending from the
3 outer extremity of the Camp Ellis breakwater in
4 Saco to the outer extremity of the Hills Beach
5 breakwater in Biddeford; and

6 L. St. Croix River, above the international
7 bridge between Calais and St. Stephen, New
8 Brunswick.'

9 Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part
10 designated "§6255." in subsection 6 in the first line
11 (page 4, line 4 in L.D.) and in the 3rd line (page 4,
12 line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the underlined words
13 "sea run"

14 Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part
15 designated "§6255." by inserting after subsection 6
16 the following:

17 '7. Exceptions. Those persons and individuals
18 licensed for the aquaculture of Atlantic salmon shall
19 be exempt from this section other than they shall re-
20 port to the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission the
21 number, weight and locations sold to, of all Atlantic
22 salmon within the commission's jurisdiction. The
23 commission shall abide by the confidentiality regula-
24 tions adopted pursuant to section 6173.'

25 Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part
26 designated "§6255." by renumbering the subsections to
27 read consecutively.

28 Further amend the bill by inserting after section
29 4 the following:

30 'Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §6553, sub-§6, as enacted by PL
31 1981, 662, §2, is amended to read:

32 6. Bag limit. It is unlawful to take more than
33 one Atlantic salmon in one day from inland waters or

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1 coastal waters designated in section ~~6504~~ 6255, sub-
2 section 2.

3 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sec-
4 tions to read consecutively.

5 STATEMENT OF FACT

6 The purposes of this amendment are to:

7 1. Limit the regulatory authority of the Commis-
8 sioner of Marine Resources over Atlantic salmon to
9 the waters designated in section 6255, subsection 2,
10 and to limit the duration of such regulations;

11 2. Limit the possession, shipment and transpor-
12 tation requirements of this subsection to Atlantic
13 salmon;

14 3. Add 2 new rivers to the waters requiring an
15 Atlantic salmon fishing license;

16 4. Eliminate confusion over the application of
17 this section;

18 5. Provide an aquaculture exemption; and

19 6. To cross-reference the existing bag limits on
20 the taking of Atlantic salmon.

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