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Presented by Representative Scarpino of St. George.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Enhance the Marine Fisheries
18 Resources of the State.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA c. 605, sub-c. VI is enacted to
23 read:

24 SUBCHAPTER VI

25 FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT

26 §6141. Hatcheries Program

27 The commissioner shall establish a Hatcheries
28 Program to strengthen the indigenous populations of
29 marine species. The commissioner may operate the
30 Hatcheries Program either with departmental staff or
31 under contract with private parties. The commission-
32 er may select species for the Hatcheries Program on
33 the basis of commercial importance, biological status

1 of the fishery, commercial potential and other fac-
2 tors as he deems appropriate. When distributing the
3 juvenile stock produced by the Hatcheries Program,
4 the commissioner shall give first priority to the ma-
5 rine preserves and artificial habitat developed under
6 this subchapter.

7 §6142. Habitat protection

8 The commissioner shall establish a program to
9 identify areas within the coastal waters of the State
10 which are of critical importance to the marine envi-
11 ronment. The commissioner may establish marine pre-
12 serve in these areas according to criteria that he
13 may adopt by rule. These criteria shall include, but
14 not be limited to, biological productivity, the exist-
15 ence of rare or endangered species habitat, the ex-
16 istence of important spawning grounds, the suitabili-
17 ty for receipt of juvenile stock produced by the
18 Hatcheries Program or other factors which will indi-
19 cate that an area is vital in the life cycle of com-
20 mercially important marine species. The commissioner
21 may limit the taking of marine resources in a marine
22 preserve in order to protect the marine environment
23 of a preserve.

24 §6143. Habitat development

25 The commissioner shall establish a program of
26 habitat development. The purpose of the program
27 shall be to identify promising areas for the con-
28 struction of habitat, including artificial reefs.
29 Subject to the availability of funds, the commissioner
30 may contract for the construction of artificial
31 habitat. The commissioner shall give priority to the
32 construction or development of artificial habitat
33 which encourages an increase in the populations of
34 commercially important marine species.

35 §6144. Cooperative research

36 There is established within the Sea Grant Program
37 at the University of Maine a program of research to
38 investigate and develop new commercial products from
39 marine resources and to improve the reproductive ca-
40 pabilities and growth rates of commercially important
41 species through genetic research. The university may

1 enter into cooperative agreements with the Department
2 of Marine Resources and other marine sciences labora-
3 ories for the conduct of research under this sec-
4 tion.

5 §6145. Fisheries extension

6 There is established in the Department of Marine
7 Resources a Bureau of Technology Development and Ex-
8 ension. The purpose of this bureau shall be to pro-
9 vide assistance to the fishing industry in the devel-
10 opment of advanced fishing technology, the adoption
11 and marketing of new products and the implementation
12 of fisheries management and fishing practices that
13 benefit the State. The bureau shall place greatest
14 priority on the delivery of direct services to the
15 fishing industry in the field. The bureau shall co-
16 operate with the University of Maine Sea Grant Pro-
17 gram and the Cooperative Extension Program in the de-
18 livery of these services.

19 §6146. Fisheries Enhancement Fund

20 1. Purpose. The Fisheries Enhancement Fund
21 shall be used to support the activities authorized
22 under this subchapter.

23 2. Nonlapsing funds. The fund shall not lapse.

24 §6147. Enforcement Fund

25 1. Purpose. The Enforcement Fund shall be used
26 to support the enforcement of marine resources laws.

27 2. Nonlapsing fund. The fund shall not lapse.

28 §6148. Allocation of marine resources license fees

29 Unless allocated differently under other provi-
30 sions of chapters 601 to 627, the revenues resulting
31 from the sale of marine resources licenses shall be
32 allocated according to the following priorities.

33 1. General Fund. The first \$25 of each license
34 fee shall be allocated to the General Fund.

1 2. Enforcement Fund. The next \$25 of each li-
2 icense fee shall be allocated to the Enforcement Fund.

3 3. Fisheries Enhancement Fund. The remaining
4 revenue, if any, derived from the sale of each li-
5 icense shall be allocated to the Fisheries Enhancement
6 Fund.

7 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§7, as amended by PL
8 1981, c. 480, §1, is further amended to read:

9 7. Fee. The fee for the license shall be ~~33~~
10 \$100 for applicants ~~17 years of age or older~~ between
11 the ages of 16 and 66 years of age and ~~13~~ \$25 for
12 those under 17 and over 65 years of age.

13 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6451, sub-§1, as amended by PL
14 1981, c. 480, §2, is further amended to read:

15 1. Allocation of license fees. ~~For~~ The first 10
16 dollars of each ~~33~~ \$100 fee and \$5 of each ~~13~~ \$25
17 fee for each lobster and crab fishing license shall
18 be allocated to the Lobster Fund, which shall be used
19 for the purpose of propagation of lobsters by
20 liberating seed and female lobsters in Maine coastal
21 waters. All remaining revenues shall be allocated ac-
22 ording to section 6148.

23 Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6501, sub-§5, as amended by PL
24 1981, c. 480, §3, is further amended to read:

25 5. Fees. Fees for commercial fishing licenses
26 shall be:

27 A. ~~10~~ \$50 for resident operator;

28 B. ~~33~~ \$100 for resident operator and all crew
29 members; and

30 C. ~~400~~ \$500 for nonresident operator and all
31 crew members.

32 Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §6601, sub-§5, as amended by PL
33 1981, c. 480, §4, is further amended to read:

34 5. Fee. The fee for a shellfish license shall be
35 ~~13~~ \$100.

1 Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §6651, sub-§1, as amended by PL
2 1983, c. 838, §1, is repealed and the following en-
3 acted in its place:

4 1. Fees to be paid into fund. The first \$20 of
5 the fee from the sale of shellfish licenses shall be
6 paid into the Shellfish Fund. All remaining revenues
7 shall be allocated according to section 6148.

8 Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §6701, sub-§5, as enacted by PL
9 1981, c. 480, §§5 and 16, is amended to read:

10 5. Fee. The fee for a scallop license shall be
11 ~~€33~~ \$100.

12 Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §6751, sub-§4, as amended by PL
13 1981, c. 480, §6, is further amended to read:

14 4. Fee. The fee for a marine worm digger's li-
15 cense shall be ~~€13~~ \$100.

16 Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §6791, sub-§1, as enacted by PL
17 1977, c. 661, §5, is repealed and the following en-
18 acted in its place:

19 1. Allocation of license revenues. The first
20 \$15 of the fee from the sale of marine worm licenses
21 shall be paid into the Marine Worm Fund. All remain-
22 ing revenues shall be allocated according to section
23 6148.

24 Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §6802, sub-§5, as enacted by PL
25 1983, c. 116, §3, is amended to read:

26 5. Fee. The fee for a seaweed permit is:

27 A. ~~€3~~ \$50 for a resident;

28 B. ~~€25~~ \$100 for a nonresident; and

29 C. ~~€1~~ \$25 for a supplemental permit.

30 Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §6851, sub-§6, as amended by PL
31 1981, c. 480, §8, is amended to read:

32 6. Fee. The fees shall be as follows:

1 A. ~~\$65~~ \$100 for the wholesale seafood license;
2 and

3 B. ~~\$13~~ \$25 for each supplemental license.

4 Sec. 12. 12 MRSA §6852, sub-§4, as amended by PL
5 1981, c. 480, §9, is further amended to read:

6 4. Fee. The fee for a retail seafood license
7 shall be ~~\$13~~ \$100.

8 Sec. 13. 12 MRSA §6853, sub-§6, as amended by PL
9 1981, c. 480, §§10 and 16, is further amended to
10 read:

11 6. Fee. The fee for a marine worm dealer's li-
12 cense shall be ~~\$33~~ \$100 and the fee for a supplemen-
13 tal license shall be ~~\$13~~ \$25.

14 Sec. 14. 12 MRSA §6854, sub-§6, as amended by PL
15 1981, c. 480, §11, is further amended to read:

16 6. Fees. The fee for a lobster transportation
17 license shall be ~~\$65~~ \$100 and the fee for a supple-
18 mental license shall be ~~\$13~~ \$25.

19 Sec. 15. 12 MRSA §6855, sub-§6, as amended by PL
20 1981, c. 480, §12, is further amended to read:

21 6. Fees. The fee for a shellfish transportation
22 license shall be ~~\$65~~ \$100 and the fee for a supple-
23 mental license shall be ~~\$13~~ \$25.

24 Sec. 16. 12 MRSA §6857, sub-§5, as amended by PL
25 1981, c. 480, §13, is further amended to read:

26 5. Fee. The fee for a lobster meat permit shall
27 be ~~\$33~~ \$100.

28 Sec. 17. 12 MRSA §6861, sub-§5, as enacted by PL
29 1977, c. 661, §5, is amended to read:

30 5. Fees. The fees shall be as follows:

31 A. For a wholesale crawfish license, ~~\$50~~ \$100;

1 B. For a retail crawfish license, ~~25~~ 100; and

2 C. For a supplemental license, ~~10~~ 25.

3 Sec. 18. 38 MRSA §368, under that part related
4 to "Penobscot River Basin East Branch Penobscot River
5 Drainage System" sub-§3, as amended by PL 1965, c.
6 179, §1, is further amended to read:

7 3. The tidal estuary of the Penobscot River from
8 a line extended in an east-west direction across the
9 estuary from the mouth of Reed Brook in the Village
10 of Hampden Highlands to a line extended in a westerly
11 direction across from the southernmost tip of Verona
12 Island to the westerly bank of the Penobscot Estuary
13 and from the southernmost tip of Verona Island to the
14 easterly bank of the Penobscot Estuary at the
15 Bucksport-Penobscot town boundary -- Class ~~6E~~ SB-2.

16 Sec. 19. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
17 to "Cumberland County", sub-§2, ~~11B~~ and E are amended
18 to read:

19 B. From a point where longitude 70°-16'-40"
20 (just north of Higgins Beach) crosses the
21 Scarborough mainland to a point where longitude
22 70°-16'-14" (about one mile south of the mouth of
23 the Spurwink River estuary) crosses the Cape
24 Elizabeth mainland, including the Spurwink River
25 estuary to head of tide and tidal tributaries
26 thereof -- Class ~~6E~~ SB-2.

27 E. From a point directly west of Chimney Rock to
28 the Cape Elizabeth-South Portland line -- Class
29 ~~6E~~ SB-2.

30 Sec. 20. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
31 to "Cumberland County", sub-§4, as amended by PL
32 1967, c. 447, §2, is further amended to read:

33 4. Falmouth.

34 A. Presumpscot River estuary from head of tide
35 to Route 9 crossing -- Class ~~6E~~ SB-2.

36 B. Presumpscot River estuary from the Route 9
37 crossing to the Route 1 crossing -- Class ~~6E~~
38 SB-2.

1 C. From the Route 1 crossing northeast to a
2 point where longitude 70°-13'-40" (about one mile
3 north of Mackworth Point) crosses the Falmouth
4 mainland -- Class SE SB-2.

5 D. Waters surrounding Mackworth Island -- Class
6 SE SB-2.

7 E. All other waters of Falmouth not otherwise
8 designated -- Class SB-2.

9 Sec. 21. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
10 to "Cumberland County", sub-§7, as amended by PL
11 1967, c. 447, §1, is further amended to read:

12 7. Portland.

13 A. All tidal waters within the City of Portland
14 not otherwise specified -- Class SE SB-2.

15 B. All tidal waters east of longitude 70°-10'
16 not otherwise specified -- Class SA.

17 C. Northerly shore line of Fore River and Port-
18 land Harbor from the Vaughn Bridge crossing to
19 the most easterly point of land on the Portland
20 mainland -- Class SE SB-2.

21 D. All waters west of Grand Trunk Bridge which
22 includes Back Cove -- Class SE SB-2.

23 E. Presumpscot River estuary from head of tide
24 to Route 9 bridge -- Class SE SB-2.

25 F. Waters of Peaks Island from the most norther-
26 ly point of land on the island to a point where
27 latitude 43°-39'-52" crosses the easterly shore-
28 line (approximately one mile of shoreline) --
29 Class SB-2.

30 G. Waters of Peaks Island from a point where
31 latitude 43°-39'-52" crosses the easterly shore
32 line to the southernmost point of land on the is-
33 land -- Class SB-1.

34 H. Waters on the easterly shore of Little Dia-
35 mond Island from the southernmost point of land

1 to the northernmost point of land on the island
2 -- Class SB-2.

3 I. From the most westerly point of land on Long
4 Island to the most northerly land formation on
5 the island -- Class SB-2.

6 J. From the most northerly land formation on
7 Long Island to the most westerly point of land on
8 the island in a southeasterly direction with the
9 exception of Harbor Grace north of latitude
10 43°-41'-21" -- Class SB-1.

11 K. Waters of Harbor Grace north of latitude
12 43°-41'-21" on Long Island -- Class SB-2.

13 L. Waters on the easterly shore line of Cushing
14 Island from the northernmost point of land to the
15 southernmost point of land on the island -- Class
16 SB-2.

17 Sec. 22. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
18 to "Cumberland County", sub-§8, ¶¶B, C and G are
19 amended to read:

20 B. Nonesuch River estuary from head of tide to
21 the B. & M. (Dover line) railroad crossing --
22 Class SE SB-2.

23 C. Little River estuary from head of tide to its
24 confluence with the Scarboro River and tidal
25 tributaries thereof -- Class SE SB-2.

26 G. From a point where longitude 70°-16'-40"
27 crosses the Scarboro mainland to a point where
28 longitude 70°-16'-14" (a point about a mile south
29 of the confluence of the Spurwink River estuary)
30 crosses the Cape Elizabeth mainland including the
31 Spurwink River estuary to head of tide and tidal
32 tributaries thereof -- Class SE SB-2.

33 Sec. 23. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
34 to "Cumberland County" sub-§8-A, as enacted by PL
35 1965, c. 425, §23, is amended to read:

36 8-A. South Portland.

1 A. All tidal waters in the City of South Port-
2 land -- Class 6E SB-2.

3 Sec. 24. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
4 to "Knox County", sub-§1, ¶B is amended to read:

5 B. Tidewater bordering Camden from Metcalf Point
6 to Eaton Point -- Class 6E SB-2.

7 Sec. 25. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
8 to "Knox County", sub-§§3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are amended
9 to read:

10 3. Friendship.

11 A. Tidelwaters of Friendship Harbor north of a
12 line drawn from the point of land opposite the
13 northerly tip of Garrison Island to Jameson Point
14 -- Class 6E SB-2.

15 5. Owls Head.

16 A. Tidelwaters from the point of land immediately
17 southwest of Crescent Beach to the Owls
18 Head-Rockland town line -- Class 6E SB-2.

19 6. Rockland.

20 A. All tidewaters in the City of Rockland --
21 Class 6E SB-2.

22 7. Rockport.

23 A. Rockport Harbor north of a line extended due
24 east from end of Sea Street, near Harkness Brook
25 -- Class 6E SB-2.

26 B. Tidewater from Rockland Town Line to the next
27 point of land to the north -- Class 6E SB-2.

28 C. Clam Cove in Rockport from Brewster Point to
29 Pine Hill -- Class SB-2.

30 D. Rockport Harbor north of a line due west of
31 Beauchamp Point except that portion assigned to
32 Class "C" -- Class SB-1.

1 8. St. George.

2 A. Tidewaters between a point 100 yards south of
3 the cannery at Port Clyde and the point of land
4 west of Fish Cove -- Class SE SB-2.

5 B. Tenants Harbor west of a North-South line at
6 the harbor entrance (approximately longitude
7 69°-12' W.) -- Class SE SB-2.

8 C. Small Cove just northeast of Tenants Harbor,
9 north of a line drawn due west from point of land
10 forming east side of cove -- Class SB-1.

11 D. Tidewaters between Marshall Point and Hooper
12 Point not assigned to Class "C" -- Class SB-1.

13 Sec. 26. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
14 to "Lincoln County," sub-§5, ¶B is amended to read:

15 B. Pemaquid Harbor and New Harbor, including
16 back cove in Bristol from Fish Point to a point
17 100 yards east of Gilbert's Wharf -- Class SE
18 SB-2.

19 Sec. 27. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
20 to "Lincoln County," sub-§10, ¶B is amended to read:

21 B. Tidewaters south of a line drawn due east
22 from Jones Point except waters around Inner Heron
23 Island and Thrumcap Island -- Class SE SB-2.

24 Sec. 28. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
25 to "Waldo County," sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 1967,
26 c. 155, is further amended to read:

27 C. Tidewaters between a point opposite the swim-
28 ming pool at Belfast city park and the mouth of
29 Goose River, except for portions otherwise clas-
30 sified or described -- Class SE SB-2.

31 Sec. 29. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
32 to "Waldo County," sub-§4, ¶B is amended to read:

33 B. Tidewater creek or estuary of small stream
34 which rises near Carver's Corner -- Class SE
35 SB-2.

1 Sec. 30. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
2 to "Washington County," sub-§3, ¶B is amended to
3 read:

4 B. Tidewaters of the St. Croix River estuary
5 from the point of land immediately upstream of
6 Devils Head in Calais to the head of tide also in
7 Calais -- Class 6E SB-2.

8 Sec. 31. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
9 to "Washington County," sub-§§4 and 6 are amended to
10 read:

11 4. Cherryfield.

12 A. Tidewaters of Narraguagus River estuary --
13 Class 6E SB-2.

14 6. Columbia Falls.

15 A. Tidewater portions of the Pleasant River
16 above the Columbia Falls-Addison town boundary --
17 Class 6E SB-2.

18 Sec. 32. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
19 to "Washington County," sub-§8, ¶B is amended to
20 read:

21 B. Tidewaters of Dennys Bay and River west of
22 Hinckley Pt. -- Class 6E SB-2.

23 Sec. 33. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
24 to "Washington County," sub-§9 is amended to read:

25 9. East Machias.

26 A. All tidewaters within the Town of East
27 Machias -- Class 6E SB-2.

28 Sec. 34. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
29 to "Washington County," sub-§10, ¶E is amended to
30 read:

31 E. Tidal waters not otherwise classified between
32 Shackford Head and the point of land near Dog Is-
33 land in Eastport -- Class 6E SB-2.

1 Sec. 35. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
2 to "Washington County," sub-§11, ¶C is amended to
3 read:

4 C. Tidewaters of Dennys River in Edmunds west of
5 a line drawn due south from Hinckley Point in
6 Dennysville -- Class SE SB-2.

7 Sec. 36. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
8 to "Washington County," sub-§12, ¶C is amended to
9 read:

10 C. Tidewaters bordering Harrington west and
11 south of a line across the Harrington River at a
12 point 1,000 feet down-river of the canning facto-
13 ry in Harrington -- Class SE SB-2.

14 Sec. 37. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
15 to "Washington County," sub-§13, ¶B is amended to
16 read:

17 B. Tidewaters of the Chandler River in Jonesboro
18 upstream of a line drawn normal to the stream at
19 a point 2/10 mile below the Route 1 Bridge at
20 Jonesboro Village -- Class SE SB-2.

21 Sec. 38. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
22 to "Washington County," sub-§14, ¶C is amended to
23 read:

24 C. Tidewaters between Hopkins Pt. and Indian Pt.
25 -- Class SE SB-2.

26 Sec. 39. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
27 to "Washington County," sub-§15, ¶E is amended to
28 read:

29 E. Tidewaters between Leadurney Pt. and a point
30 of land approximately N. 44°-51.2' and W.
31 67°-00.3' -- Class SE SB-2.

32 Sec. 40. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
33 to "Washington County," sub-§16, ¶A is amended to
34 read:

35 A. All tidewaters within the Town of Machias not
36 otherwise specified or classified -- Class SE
37 SB-2.

1 Sec. 41. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
2 to "Washington County," sub-§17, ¶B is amended to
3 read:

4 B. Tidewaters of Machias and East Machias Rivers
5 north of a line drawn from Ft. O'Brien Pt. to
6 Randall Pt. in Machiasport -- Class 6E SB-2.

7 Sec. 42. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
8 to "Washington County," sub-§18, ¶B is amended to
9 read:

10 B. Tidewaters north and west of a line from Fish
11 Pt. to the point of land approximately N.
12 44°-31.8' by W. 67°-52.5' -- Class 6E SB-2.

13 Sec. 43. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
14 to "Washington County," sub-§19, ¶C is amended to
15 read:

16 C. Tidewaters of Pennamaquam River and Meadow
17 Brook estuaries in Pembroke north and west of a
18 line drawn due east and west through a point of
19 land at N. 44°-56.5', W. 67°-10' -- Class 6E
20 SB-2.

21 Sec. 44. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
22 to "York County," sub-§1, ¶B is amended to read:

23 B. Estuary of Little River north of latitude
24 43°-24'-04" to head of tide, including tidal
25 tributaries thereof -- Class 6E SB-2.

26 Sec. 45. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
27 to "York County," sub-§1, ¶G, as amended by PL 1967,
28 c. 154, §1, is further amended to read:

29 G. Tidewaters from a point directly west of the
30 most northerly point of land on Basket Island to
31 head of tide on the Saco River estuary -- Class
32 6E SB-2.

33 Sec. 46. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
34 to "York County," sub-§3 is amended to read:

35 3. Kennebunk.

1 A. Tidal waters of Kennebunk not otherwise clas-
2 sified or described -- Class SB-2.

3 B. Estuary of Mousam River from head of tide to
4 Route 9 bridge crossing and tidal tributaries
5 thereof -- Class SE SB-2.

6 C. Kennebunk River estuary from head of tide to
7 the Route 9 crossing and tidal tributaries there-
8 of -- Class SE SB-2.

9 Sec. 47. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
10 to "York County," sub-§4, ¶¶B, D, E and H are amended
11 to read:

12 B. Kennebunk River estuary from head of tide to
13 the Route 9 crossing and tidal tributaries there-
14 of -- Class SE SB-2.

15 D. Tidewater from a point directly west of the
16 most northerly point of Vaughn Island to a point
17 directly west of the most northerly point of land
18 on Redin Island -- Class SE SB-2.

19 E. Estuaries of Smith Brook and Batson River
20 north of latitude 43°-23'-22" and tidal tribu-
21 taries thereof -- Class SE SB-2.

22 H. Estuary of Little River north of latitude
23 43°-24'-04" to head of tide, including tidal
24 tributaries thereof -- Class SE SB-2.

25 Sec. 48. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
26 to "York County," sub-§7, ¶B, as amended by PL 1967,
27 c. 154, §2, is further amended to read:

28 B. Saco River estuary from head of tide to the
29 Camp Ellis breakwater -- Class SE SB-2.

30 Sec. 49. 38 MRSA §370, under that part related
31 to "York County," sub-§9, ¶¶B, D and F are amended to
32 read:

33 B. From Wells-York town line to a point of land
34 at longitude 70°-35'-35" and latitude 43°-14'-44"
35 -- Class SE SB-2.

1 D. Estuary of Webhannet River from head of tide
2 to a point at longitude 70°-34'-32", latitude
3 43°-17'-48" -- Class SE SB-2.

4 F. Estuary of Merriland River and tidal tribu-
5 taries thereof from head of tide to its ocean
6 confluence at latitude 43°-20'-10" -- Class SE
7 SB-2.

8 Sec. 50. Effective date. The effective date of
9 sections 18 through 49 shall be January 1, 1991. Af-
10 ter this date, a discharge into the tidal waters of
11 the State shall not cause the quality of those waters
12 to fall below the standards established for the SB-2
13 classification.

14 STATEMENT OF FACT

15 The marine resources of the State hold substan-
16 tial potential for further economic benefits. To re-
17 alize this potential, it is essential that the marine
18 fisheries be managed with due concern for their bio-
19 logical limits. In addition, the quality of the ma-
20 rine environment, particularly its water quality must
21 be protected. The fishing industry itself requires
22 assistance in the development of new fishing technol-
23 ogy, new products and new marketing strategies. The
24 bill recognizes that stricter enforcement is also vi-
25 tal to this effort.

26 This bill creates a Fisheries Enhancement Program
27 to accomplish these goals. It is intended that the
28 program be funded by the industry itself through an
29 increase in license fees. Existing federal support
30 could be redirected in support of the Fisheries En-
31 hancement Program.

32 It is expected that the Fisheries Enhancement
33 Program within the Department of Marine Resources
34 will complement the financial incentives provided
35 through the Finance Authority of Maine.

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