

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

No. 95  
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7 S.P. 51

In Senate, January 26, 1987  
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9 Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife  
suggested and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate  
Presented by Senator LUDWIG of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative JACQUES of Waterville,  
Representative C.B. SMITH of Island Falls.  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN  
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17 AN ACT to Expand the Authority of the  
18 Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and  
19 Wildlife with Respect to Natural  
20 Products in Wildlife Management Areas.  
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
23 follows:

24 12 MRSA §7653, sub-§2, as enacted by PL-1979, c.  
25 420, §1, is amended to read:

26 2. Natural products. The commissioner may har-  
27 vest and sell natural products of the land on lands  
28 owned by the department. The commissioner may also  
29 authorize municipalities to harvest or remove natural  
30 products of the land, solely for their own use, on  
31 lands owned by the department within the boundaries  
32 of the municipality.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2           The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
3 may now attempt to generate profits from the sale of  
4 a wildlife management area's natural products. He  
5 does not presently enjoy, the authority to authorize  
6 nonprofit activities with the various areas' natural  
7 products. The bill corrects this gap in the commis-  
8 sioner's power and permits him to arrange for the re-  
9 moval of natural resources by the host localities  
10 where the circumstances warrant.

11           The particular circumstances which demonstrated  
12 the need for this bill involve the towns of Hodgdon  
13 and Linneus and Cary Plantation. Within their munic-  
14 ipal boundaries lies an extensive ridge of high qual-  
15 ity gravel which in turn lies within the boundaries  
16 of the Manuel Wildlife Management Area. The 3 munic-  
17 ipalities want to be able to remove reasonable  
18 amounts of gravel at no or low cost from the wildlife  
19 management area within their municipal limits. This  
20 bill allows them to do so with the approval of the  
21 commissioner.

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