

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1744

S.P. 591

In Senate, June 5, 1987

Reported by Senator Brawn of Knox for the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original Bill sponsored by Senator Tuttle of York. Cosponsored by: Representative Jacques of Waterville, Representative Duffy of Bangor, Representative Greenlaw of Standish.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 **Resolve, to Create the Commission on Sport**
2 **Fisheries to Study the Possibility of Enhancing**
3 **and Upgrading Fishing Opportunities**
4 **in the State.**
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6 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves
7 of the Legislature do not become effective until 90
8 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies;
9 and

10 Whereas, the State's fisheries support a substan-
11 tial tourism industry; and

12 Whereas, maintaining and enhancing these fisher-
13 ies is vital to the economic well-being of the State;
14 and

1 Whereas, to conduct a thorough study, the commis-
2 sion must begin work immediately; and

3 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
4 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
5 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
6 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
7 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 **Commission established. Resolved:** That the Com-
10 mission on Sport Fisheries is established. The com-
11 mission shall consist of the following 8 members, ap-
12 pointed in the following manner: Two members from
13 the Joint Standing Committee on Fisheries and Wild-
14 life and 2 members from the Joint Standing Committee
15 on Marine Resources, to be appointed by the chairman
16 of each committee; 2 members from the public, repre-
17 senting organizations with an interest in sport fish-
18 ing, to be appointed by the Governor; and one member
19 from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
20 and one member from the Department of Marine Re-
21 sources, both members being fisheries' management
22 biologists, to be appointed by the Governor. The
23 commission shall select a chairman from within their
24 membership. The first meeting of the commission
25 shall be convened by the chairman of the Legislative
26 Council. All appointments shall be made no later
27 than 10 days following the effective date of this re-
28 solve. The Executive Director of the Legislative
29 Council shall be notified by all appointing authori-
30 ties once their selections have been finalized; and
31 be it further

32 **Study. Resolved:** That the commission shall
33 study the State's sport fisheries' management program
34 and subsequently draft recommendations that specifi-
35 cally address the following issues; the feasibility
36 of introducing exotic species into state waters; im-
37 proving the fisheries with a state-of-the-art hatch-
38 ery, such as the one on the Salmon River in New York;
39 and alternative sources of funding for these
40 projects; and be it further

41 **Staff. Resolved:** That the commission shall re-
42 quest staffing assistance from Legislative Council;
43 and be it further

1 Report submitted. Resolved: That the commission
2 shall submit its report and any necessary legislation
3 to the Second Regular Session of the 113th Legisla-
4 ture by February 15, 1988; and be it further

5 Expenses. Resolved: That the commission members
6 who are not state employees shall not receive per di-
7 em or compensation for their expenses; and be it fur-
8 ther

9 Appropriation. Resolved: That the following
10 funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry
11 out the purposes of this resolve.

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15 All Other \$2,000

16 Provides funds for
17 the anticipated
18 costs of the commis-
19 sion.

20 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
21 in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when
22 approved.

23 STATEMENT OF FACT

24 This resolve creates the Commission on Sport
25 Fisheries to study the State's sport fisheries' man-
26 agement program and to make recommendations on en-
27 hancing those resources. Innovative funding mecha-
28 nisms also will be addressed.

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