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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 985, L.D. 1363, Bill, "An Act to Protect the Sunapee Charr"

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

'An Act Authorizing and Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Bangor Water District to Develop a Plan for the Protection of Sunapee Charr Habitat at Floods Pond'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Legislative findings. The Sunapee charr, *Salvelinus alpinus oquassa*, is a unique species of fish found in large numbers only in Floods Pond in the Town of Otis, in Hancock County. The protection of Sunapee charr habitat at Floods Pond is essential to the future survival of this unique species. Floods Pond serves as the major water supply for the Bangor area. The drain on Floods Pond by the Bangor Water District to satisfy the water needs of the Bangor area causes annual fluctuations in the water level. Extreme drawdowns in the water level at Floods Pond pose a serious threat to the habitat necessary for Sunapee charr reproduction. Water demands in the Bangor area are likely to increase over the next several years as a result of increased development.

Sec. 2. Sunapee charr habitat protection; plan required. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Bangor Water District are authorized and directed to jointly develop a long-range plan to assure protection of Sunapee charr habitat at Floods Pond.

Sec. 3. Report submitted. The department and the Bangor Water District shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over fisheries

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1 and wildlife no later than March 1, 1990, in which they explain
2 the details of their long-range plan to protect Sunapee charr
3 habitat at Floods Pond, including deadlines for each phase of the
4 plan.

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FISCAL NOTE

9 It is anticipated that all costs associated with this bill
10 would be absorbed by the Department of Inland Fisheries and
11 Wildlife utilizing existing resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

17 This amendment replaces the bill and authorizes and directs
18 the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Bangor
19 Water District to develop a plan for the protection of the
Sunapee charr habitat at Floods Pond. It also adds a fiscal note.

Reported by the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife
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