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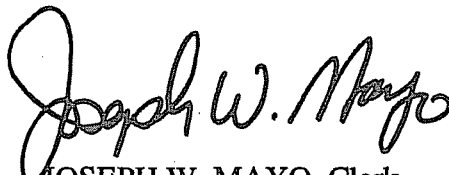
No. 440

H.P. 337

House of Representatives, February 11, 1993

**An Act Concerning an Experimental Brook Trout Stocking in Somes
Pond, Mount Desert, Maine.**

Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ZIRNKILTON of Mount Desert.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7676 is enacted to read:

§7676. Brook trout research program

The commissioner shall conduct a test program to determine if brook trout can be stocked successfully in the Somes Pond located in Mount Desert.

1. Rules. The commissioner shall adopt rules governing the fishing of Somes Pond during the period of the test program.

2. Native species. The department shall monitor the effect of the test stocking on the existing fish population.

3. Timetable. Actual stocking of the brook trout in meaningful quantities must begin no later than 1994. The department shall make a recommendation whether to end this program or to extend it, no later than 5 years after the first stocking of fish. The test must be conducted in a manner that produces data adequate to support the recommendation.

4. Status reports. The department shall provide the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over fisheries and wildlife matters with a status report on this project by April 1st of each year beginning in 1994.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to conduct a test to determine if brook trout can be successfully stocked in Somes Pond located in Mount Desert.