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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 63, L.D. 99, Bill, "An Act to Ensure the Protection of Tribal Fish Stocks and Other Natural Resources"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Recognize Rights Created under the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act'

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. 38 MRSA §341-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 890, Pt. A, §13 and affected by §40, is amended to read:

1. Purpose. The department shall prevent, abate and control the pollution of the air, water and land and preserve, improve and prevent diminution of the natural environment of the State. The department shall protect and enhance the public's right to use and enjoy the State's natural resources, including the rights of indigenous peoples as defined under the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act, and may educate the public on natural resource use, requirements and issues.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

The amendment replaces the bill. It amends the purpose statement of the Department of Environmental Protection to include recognition of rights created by the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT