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No. 502

S.P. 193

In Senate, February 10, 1995

An Act to Create a Catch and Release Fishing Program in the State.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "May M. Ross", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BENOIT of Franklin.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7552-A is enacted to read:

§7552-A. Catch and release fishing program

The commissioner shall by rule divide the State into 4 zones for the purpose of implementing a catch and release fishing program. The commissioner shall limit fishing to catch and release in one zone for a period of 2 years and allow open fishing in the remaining 3 zones during that period. The commissioner shall establish a schedule that every 2 years rotates catch and release restrictions among zones in a consecutive manner.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill establishes a catch and release fishing program in the State. It divides the State into 4 zones, one of which is limited to catch and release fishing for a period of 2 years. The bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a schedule that every 2 years rotates catch and release restrictions among zones in a consecutive manner.