

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, March 7, 1995

**Resolve, to Authorize a Study of Recreational Uses of the Saco River  
from the Atlantic Ocean to the New Hampshire Border.**

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President BUTLAND of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Senators: CARPENTER of York, FERGUSON of Oxford, HANLEY of Oxford, HATHAWAY of York, LORD of York, PENDEXTER of Cumberland,  
Representatives: AIKMAN of Poland, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, JOYCE of Biddeford, LIBBY of Buxton, TRUE of Fryeburg, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

2           **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission  
to Study the Recreational Uses of the Saco River from the  
Atlantic Ocean to the New Hampshire Border, referred to in this  
4           resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further

6           **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission  
consists of the following 18 members: three members who must be  
8           municipal officers from towns along the Saco River; 2 members of  
the Legislature, one of whom must be a Senator and one of whom  
10          must be a member of the House of Representatives; 3 law  
enforcement officers, one of whom must be a municipal law  
12          enforcement officer, one of whom must be a county law enforcement  
officer and one of whom must be a state law enforcement officer;  
14          2 members from the public sector, one of whom must be active in  
fishing, canoeing, kayaking or similar outdoor activity; one  
16          member must be a representative of an outfitting company; 2  
members must be landowners who own land along the Saco River; 3  
18          members must be members of the Saco River Recreation Council; and  
the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the  
20          Commissioner of Conservation who serve on the commission in an ex  
officio capacity. Six members must appointed by the Governor, 5  
22          members must be appointed by the President of the Senate and 5  
members must be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
24          Representatives; and be it further

26          **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings; chair. Resolved:** That all  
appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the  
28          effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the  
Legislative Council must be notified by appointing authorities  
30          once the selections have been made. When the appointment of all  
members has been completed, the Chair of the Legislative Council  
32          shall convene the first meeting of the commission no later than  
September 15, 1995. The commission shall select a chair from  
34          among its members; and be it further

36          **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall establish  
a long-range plan for regulating the uses of the Saco River. In  
38          conducting the study, the commission shall examine the following  
issues:

40                   1. The feasibility of acquiring land for recreational  
42                   purposes along the Saco River;

44                   2. The coordination of planning and management for  
recreational uses of the river;

46                   3. The establishment of safety standards to ensure safe use  
48                   of the river;

50                   4. Alternative uses of the river;

52                   5. Existing access to the river; and

