

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1995

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S.P. 365

In Senate, March 28, 1995

**Resolve, to Strengthen Fish Hatchery Capacity within the State by  
Establishing a Partnership between Public and Private Organizations.**

(EMERGENCY)

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Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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

MAY M. ROSS  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BIGL of Bucksport, CLOUTIER of South Portland, RICE  
of South Bristol.

2           **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the  
Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after  
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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6           **Whereas,** State fish hatcheries are in need of additional  
resources to enhance their operation; and

8           **Whereas,** a significant private sector fish hatchery capacity  
has been developed in the State in support of Maine's finfish  
aquaculture industry; and

12           **Whereas,** both State and private fish hatcheries are expected  
to operate within strict environmental protection parameters; and

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16           **Whereas,** environmental protection standards differ for state  
and private fish hatcheries operating in Maine; and

18           **Whereas,** there is an urgent need for the Commissioner of  
Marine Resources and the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and  
Wildlife to begin to meet with interested parties to strengthen  
fish hatchery capacity within the State; and

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24           **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore, be it

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30           **Sec. 1. Investigation. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of  
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Commissioner of Marine  
Resources shall enter into discussions that include other  
interested parties to investigate and pursue opportunities for  
creating a partnership of public and private organizations for  
the efficient operation of state fishery restoration programs for  
inland and coastal waters; and be it further

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38           **Sec. 2. Salmonid fish health guidelines. Resolved:** That the  
commissioners shall examine the appropriateness of the New  
England Salmonid Fish Health Guidelines in relationship to  
providing the greatest opportunities for the public and private  
raising of salmon and trout; and be it further

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44           **Sec. 3. Water quality. Resolved:** That the commissioners shall  
review and make any appropriate recommendations for change to the  
classification of receiving waters and water quality discharge  
standards affecting public and private fish hatcheries; and be it  
further

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50           **Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That the commissioners shall report  
their recommendations on these issues and policies to the 117th  
Legislature by June 30, 1995.

2           **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

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### STATEMENT OF FACT

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8           This resolve requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries  
and Wildlife and the Commissioner of Marine Resources to  
investigate opportunities for partnerships between public and  
10 private organizations in the operation of fishery restoration  
programs, examine opportunities for increased raising of salmon  
12 and trout and make recommendations regarding water quality  
affecting fish hatcheries. The commissioners are required to  
14 report to the Legislature by June 30, 1995.