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MARINE RESOURCES

Reported by: Senator BUTLAND of Cumberland for the Committee.

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
117TH LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 366, L.D. 992, Bill, "An Act to Repeal the Salmon Aquaculture Monitoring and Research Fund"

Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble (page 1, lines 1 to 23 in L.D.)

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. Review. The Commissioner of Marine Resources shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources on or before March 15, 1996 on the findings of the aquaculture monitoring program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, sections 6077 and 6078 and the status of the Salmon Aquaculture Monitoring and Research Fund, established in the Title 12, section 6078. The report must include an accounting of income and expenses for the fund during the preceding 2 years and a statement of need concerning the monitoring program for the succeeding 2 years. The commissioner shall consult with industry representatives and scientific advisors when formulating the report.'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in the last line (page 1, line 40 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "1995" and inserting in its place the following: '1996'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
statement of fact the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

1996-97

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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Other Funds (\$175,242)

REVENUES

Other Funds (\$175,242)

18 The repeal of the Salmon Aquaculture Monitoring and Research
Fund within the Department of Marine Resources will eliminate
aquaculture tax collections. The estimated reduction of
20 dedicated revenue is \$184,042 to the department in fiscal year
1996-97. A deallocation of this same amount is also required.

22 The Department of Environmental Protection will require
24 allocations of dedicated revenue totaling \$8,800 annually
beginning in fiscal year 1996-97 for the costs of administering
26 water discharge licenses to the formerly monitored sites. The
additional dedicated revenue generated by wastewater discharge
28 license fees of \$8,800 annually also beginning in fiscal year
1996-97 will be sufficient to cover the additional costs.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

34 The amendment strikes the emergency preamble and emergency
clause from the bill. It also requires the Commissioner of
36 Marine Resources to report by March 15, 1996 on the findings of
the aquaculture monitoring program and the status of the Salmon
38 Aquaculture Monitoring and Research Fund. The report must
include a statement of need for the monitoring program for the 2
40 years that succeed March 15, 1996.

42 The amendment also changes the repeal date for the Salmon
Aquaculture Monitoring and Research Fund to July 1, 1996. The
44 original bill set a date of July 1, 1995.

46 The amendment also adds a fiscal note.