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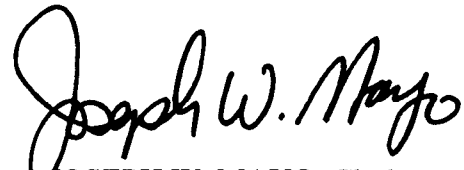
No. 1237

H.P. 884

House of Representatives, April 11, 1995

**An Act to Ensure Public Review and Legislative Oversight of Proposals
Regarding the Introduction or Reintroduction of Threatened or
Endangered Species.**

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JACQUES of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, CLARK of Millinocket, DEXTER of Kingfield, FARNUM of South Berwick, GOULD of Greenville, KEANE of Old Town, KILKELLY of Wiscasset, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MORRISON of Bangor, POULIOT of Lewiston, ROSEBUSH of East Millinocket, THOMPSON of Naples, TYLER of Windham, Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, KIEFFER of Aroostook, STEVENS of Androscoggin.

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7754, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420,
4 §1, is amended to read:

6 **1. Conservation of nongame and endangered species.** The
7 commissioner may establish such programs as are necessary to
8 bring any endangered or threatened species to the point where it
9 is no longer endangered or threatened, including:

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11 A. Acquisition of land or aquatic habitat or interests
12 ~~therein~~ in land or aquatic habitat;

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13 B. Propagation;

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15 C. Live trapping;

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17 D. Transplantation. Prior to the transplantation,
19 introduction or reintroduction of an endangered or
20 threatened species in the State, the commissioner shall, in
21 conjunction with the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission,
22 when appropriate, develop a recovery plan for that species,
23 conduct a public hearing on that recovery plan pursuant to
24 Title 5, Part 18 and submit that plan to the joint standing
25 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland
26 fisheries and wildlife matters. The introduction or
27 reintroduction of that species must be conducted in
28 accordance with the recovery plan developed under this
29 paragraph and may not begin sooner than 90 days after all
30 conditions of this paragraph have been met; and

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31 E. In the extraordinary case where population pressures
33 within a given group ecosystem ~~cannot~~ can not be otherwise
34 relieved, regulated taking.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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39 This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and
40 Wildlife and the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission to develop a
41 recovery plan prior to the introduction or reintroduction of an
42 endangered or threatened species in the State. The introduction
43 or reintroduction of that species must be conducted in accordance
44 with that recovery plan and may not begin until 90 days after the
45 commissioner has conducted a public hearing on that plan and
46 submitted a copy of that plan to the Joint Standing Committee on
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.