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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1390, L.D. 1892, "An Act to Implement the Compact for Maine's Forests"

Amend the amendment in that part designated "~~§8870-C.~~" in subsection 2 in the last line (page 10, line 5 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "discussion." the following: 'The board shall convene a working group on cold water fisheries habitat issues. The cold water fisheries habitat working group must include, but is not limited to, a representative of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife having expertise in cold water fisheries management, a representative of a statewide association of sportsmen, a representative of any Maine organization engaged in the stocking, restoration or protection of cold water fisheries, a representative of the University of Maine System having expertise in aquatic ecology and a representative of the Maine Forest Products Council. The working group shall develop and recommend to the board voluntary best management practices that enhance existing protection for cold water fisheries habitat and can be integrated into audit programs certified under this subchapter.'

SUMMARY

This amendment adds a provision to the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry that would direct the Sustainable Forest Management Audit Board to establish a working group on cold water fisheries habitat. The working group is to develop voluntary best management practices intended to enhance existing protection for

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