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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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No. 17

S.P. 19

In Senate, January 9, 1997

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**An Act Regarding Funding for the Extended Responsibilities of the  
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative PAUL of Sanford and  
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, DUNLAP of Old Town, JONES of Bar Harbor,  
PERKINS of Penobscot, PINKHAM of Lamoine.

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

4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7034, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

6 11. Report to Legislature. The commissioner shall submit  
8 an annual report to the joint standing committee of the  
10 Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial  
12 affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature  
14 having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters.  
16 This report must identify all specific extended responsibility  
18 services provided by the department to individuals who do not pay  
20 a particular fee to the department for the provision of that  
22 service, including all search and rescue activities conducted by  
24 the department. This report must include an estimate of the  
26 total cost of providing the identified extended responsibility  
28 services. The report must be submitted on or before January 1st  
30 of each year. Upon receipt of the report, the joint standing  
32 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
34 appropriation and financial affairs and the joint standing  
committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland  
fisheries and wildlife matters shall give separate consideration  
to funding the department's estimated cost of providing the  
identified extended responsibility services.

#### 26 SUMMARY

28 This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and  
30 Wildlife to submit an annual report to the Legislature that  
32 identifies all extended responsibility services provided by the  
34 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to individuals who do  
not pay any fees for those services. The report must include a  
cost estimate for those services that will be separately  
considered by the Legislature.