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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 199, L.D. 252, Bill, "An Act Regarding Destruction of Fish Populations"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7771, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, is amended to read:

3. Taking of certain fish. After hearing pursuant to section 7035, subsection 1, the commissioner may permit the taking of pickerel, perch and other fish in specified waters, subject to such conditions as ~~he~~ the commissioner may prescribe, whenever it appears that those fish seriously injure the propagation of or the fishing for any game fish. The commissioner shall solicit bids prior to issuing a permit under this subsection to take fish for reclamation purposes and may solicit bids prior to issuing any other permit issued under this subsection.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will incur some minor additional costs to solicit certain bids prior to issuing a permit for the elimination of a fish population. These

costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to solicit bids prior to issuing a permit allowing a person to completely eliminate a fish population. Bids are encouraged for all other permits allowing the taking of wild fish for the purpose of avoiding injury to game fish.

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