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MARINE RESOURCES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 209, L.D. 273, "Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Negotiate with the Passamaquoddy Tribe Regarding Fishing Rights"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Report on the Status of Discussions with the Passamaquoddy Tribe'

Further amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources has found it essential to receive a report by May 1, 1997 on discussions with the Passamaquoddy Tribe regarding the State's salt water licensing laws; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Commissioner to report. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Marine Resources, or the commissioner's designee, shall report by May 1, 1997 to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources concerning the status of ongoing discussions

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 between representatives of the Joint Tribal Council of the  
Passamaquoddy Tribe and of the State of Maine with respect to the  
4 taking of marine resources by members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe,  
including any proposed amendments to the laws administered by the  
6 Department of Marine Resources.

8 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.'

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12 **SUMMARY**

14 The amendment replaces the resolve. It requires the  
Commissioner of Marine Resources, or the commissioner's designee,  
16 to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources by  
May 1, 1997 on the status of ongoing discussions between  
18 representatives of the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy  
Tribe and of the State of Maine concerning the taking of marine  
resources by members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, including any  
20 proposed amendments to the laws administered by the Department of  
Marine Resources.  
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