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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 857, L.D. 1162, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Duties of the Maine Atlantic Salmon Authority"

Amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 7 in the last 3 lines (page 2, lines 3 to 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Service, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Management Commission or other federal or regional authorities" and inserting in its place the following: 'Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service'

Further amend the bill in section 5 in that part designated "§9902-A." in the first paragraph in the last line (page 2, line 20 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "salmon." and inserting in its place the following: 'salmon, except for matters pertaining to fish health.'

Further amend the bill in section 6 in that part designated "§9906." in the first paragraph in the last 2 lines (page 2, lines 30 and 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "rearing, stocking in any inland or coastal waters, or otherwise" and inserting in its place the following: 'rearing or stocking in any inland or coastal waters'

Further amend the bill in section 6 in that part designated "§9906." in subsection 1 in the last 5 lines (page 2, lines 40 to 44 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "testing and grading standards established by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and all salmonoid fish health policies adopted by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission pursuant to

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chapter 419, subchapter I" and inserting in its place the following: 'standards of this State'

Further amend the bill in section 6 in that part designated "~~§9906.~~" in subsection 2 in the 5th and 6th lines (page 2, line 50 and page 3, line 1 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "the health testing and grading requirements" and inserting in its place the following: 'the fish health standards'

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may increase prosecutions for Class D crimes. If a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties are estimated to be \$83.78 per day per prisoner. These costs are not reimbursed by the State. The number of prosecutions that may result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

The additional workload, administrative costs and indigent defense costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

SUMMARY

This amendment applies the state fish health standards to salmon fish or eggs imported by the Atlantic Salmon Authority and clarifies that the authority has sole authority over matters pertaining to Atlantic Salmon except for matters pertaining to fish health.