

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

Legislative Document

No. 1299

S.P. 404

In Senate, March 4, 1997

Resolve, to Establish the Council on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment.

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources 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 KONTOS of Windham and
Senators: HARRIMAN of Cumberland, NUTTING of Androscoggin.

2 **Sec. 1. Council established. Resolved:** That the Council on
Environmental Monitoring and Assessment, referred to in this
4 resolve as the "council," is established; and be it further

6 **Sec. 2. Council membership. Resolved:** That the council
consists of the following members:

8 1. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the
commissioner's designee;

10 2. The Commissioner of Marine Resources or the
12 commissioner's designee;

14 3. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the
commissioner's designee;

16 4. The Commissioner of Conservation or the commissioner's
18 designee;

20 5. The Director of the State Planning Office or the
director's designee; and

22 6. One representative of the University of Maine System
24 appointed by the Chancellor of the University of Maine System;
and be it further

26 **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all
28 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the
effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the
30 Legislative Council must be notified by all appointing
authorities once the selections have been made. Within 15 days
32 after completion of the appointment of all members, the Chair of
the Legislative Council shall call and convene the first meeting
34 of the council. The council shall select a chair from among its
members; and be it further

36 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the council shall devise a
38 mechanism to provide ongoing coordination and communication among
existing volunteer water quality monitoring programs and examine
40 ways to promote the use of environmental data collected by the
volunteers; and be it further

42 **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the council may request
44 staffing assistance from the Legislative Council; and be it
further

46 **Sec. 6. Report. Resolved:** That the council shall submit its
48 report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to
the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature no later than
50 January 15, 1998. If the council requires an extension it

2 may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the
extension.

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6 SUMMARY

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8 This resolve establishes the Council on Environmental
Monitoring and Assessment. The council is directed to devise a
10 mechanism to provide ongoing coordination and communication among
existing volunteer water quality monitoring programs and to
12 examine ways to promote the use of environmental data collected
by the volunteers.