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MARINE RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 6, L.D. 16, Bill, "An Act to Close Elver Fishing on the West Bank of the Narramissic River"

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

'An Act to Close Elver Fishing on the West Side of the Orland River'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6575-F' is enacted to read:

§6575-F. West side of Orland River closed to elver fishing

A person may not fish for or take elvers within the portion of the Orland River between the west bank and the center of the river from the southernmost point of land on Fish Point to the dam in Orland.'

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 \$82.48 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.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

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10 **SUMMARY**

11 This amendment changes the title of the bill and clarifies
12 that elver fishing within the west side of the Orland River in
13 Orland is prohibited. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to
14 the bill.