

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

No. 402

H.P. 294

House of Representatives, January 14, 1999

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**An Act to Establish a Fishing Rules Policy.**

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Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CHICK of Lebanon.  
Cosponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford and  
Representatives: CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, DAIGLE of Arundel, DUNLAP of Old Town,  
MURPHY of Berwick, SHOREY of Calais, WHEELER of Eliot, Senators: DAVIS of  
Piscataquis, KIEFFER of Aroostook.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§1, ¶C is enacted to read:**

6 C. The commissioner shall set fish population and habitat  
8 protection rules for both open-water fishing and ice fishing  
10 in the following descending order of priority:

12 (1) Limiting the bag limit or limiting the minimum  
14 legal length of fish taken;

16 (2) Restricting the type of gear used to catch fish;  
18 and

20 (3) Restricting the length of the season.

### 22 **SUMMARY**

This bill prioritizes the guidelines that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife must follow to protect fish populations.