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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 361, L.D. 486, Bill, "An Act Regarding Fish Stocking"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7013-A is enacted to read:

§7013-A. Fish stocking

1. Public comments. Upon request by a person or persons or when the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Resource Management determines that there is a need to consider changing the long-term management objectives on a water or group of waters that supports a major fishery or major fisheries, the bureau shall conduct department-sponsored meetings to solicit public comments on those management objectives.

2. Department-sponsored meetings. Regional fisheries biologists must be available at department-sponsored meetings held pursuant to subsection 1 to review the management opportunities presented by the proposals to change long-term management objectives, as well as the information used to assess the opportunities, and to receive public comments concerning the proposals.'

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

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The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will incur some minor additional costs to solicit public comment regarding certain management issues for major fisheries and to sponsor certain public forums. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill. It requires the Bureau of Resource Management in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to sponsor meetings at which regional fisheries biologists will discuss the management opportunities presented by the proposed changes regarding fish stocking and the information supporting the proposed changes, as well as receive public comments about the proposals.