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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 303, L.D. 905, Bill, "An Act Concerning the 1999 Elver Fishery"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2 (page 1, lines 33 to 46 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6505-A, sub-§2, as enacted to PL 1995, c. 536, Pt. A, §8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Eligibility. An elver fishing license may be issued only to an individual who, during the 1996, 1997 or 1998 elver fishing season, held an eel fishing license under former section 6505 or an elver fishing license and paid fees for the use of elver fyke nets, Sheldon eel traps or dip nets in accordance with Public Law 1995, chapter 536, Part A, section 12.'

Further amend the amendment in section 10 by striking out all of subsection 2-A (page 4, lines 2 to 25 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'2-A. Number of nets and Sheldon eel traps. A person may not immerse at any one time a total of more than 3 nets or traps as follows:

A. Any combination of 2 fyke nets or Sheldon eel traps; and

B. One elver dip net.'

FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact of this amendment significantly changes the revenue effects of the bill as amended by the committee amendment.

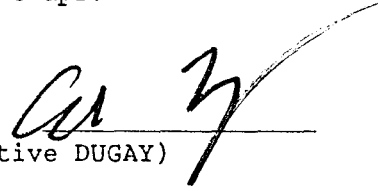
This amendment reduces the annual revenue loss to the General Fund to \$5,354 annually beginning in fiscal year 1998-99. This amendment also reduces the loss of dedicated revenue collected by the Department of Marine Resources. As amended by this amendment, the loss of dedicated revenue will be \$88,044 annually beginning in fiscal year 1998-99.

SUMMARY

This amendment amends the committee amendment to make the following changes.

1. It allows a person who was licensed to fish for eels or elvers in any of the previous 3 years to be licensed in 1999.

2. It allows the use of 2 fyke nets or 2 Sheldon eel traps, or some combination of both, plus one elver dip net for a total of 3 nets and traps.

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