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MARINE RESOURCES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 304, L.D. 906, Bill, "An Act to Improve Elver Fishery Management"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 2000 elver fishing season commences on March 22nd; and

Whereas, the Legislature's recent actions to limit effort in the elver fishery necessitate research, monitoring, reporting and enforcement activities; and

Whereas, it is important that the fishery be managed as a sustainable fishery; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

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

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6505-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1997, c. 297, §1, is further amended to read:

4. Fees. Fees for elver fishing licenses are:

A. For a person who is a resident, \$83; and

B. For a person who is a nonresident, \$384.

~~Fifty-dollars-of-each-license-fee~~ All fees collected under this subsection accrue to the Eel and Elver Management Fund established in section 6505-D.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

MARINE RESOURCES,
DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Resource Management

Positions - Legislative Count	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$27,505

Appropriates funds for one additional Marine Resource Technician position needed to enable research and management of the elver fishery.

Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

MARINE RESOURCES,
DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Resource Management

Positions - Legislative Count	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$51,094
All Other	19,440
Total	<u>\$70,534</u>

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Allocates funds for one additional Marine Scientist II position needed to enable research and management of the elver fishery.

Bureau of Marine Patrol

Personal Services \$25,000

Allocates funds needed for overtime pertaining to the enforcement of management of the elver fishery.

DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES
TOTAL \$95,534

Sec. 4. Retroactivity. That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6505-A, subsection 4 applies retroactively to January 1, 2000.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

2000-01

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund \$27,505
Other Funds 95,534

REVENUES

General Fund (\$24,985)
Other Funds 24,985

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$27,505 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Bureau of Resource Management within the Department of Marine Resources to cover the costs of one additional Marine Resource Technician position needed to enable research and management of the elver fishery. The

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2 estimated future costs are \$28,880 and \$30,324 in fiscal years
2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively.

4 Changes in the distribution of elver fishing license fees
will reduce the General Fund portion of license fee collections.
6 The annual reduction of General Fund revenue collected by the
Department of Marine Resources is estimated to be \$24,985
8 beginning in fiscal year 2000-01.

10 The changes in the distribution of elver fishing license
fees will also have the effect of increasing the portions of
12 license fees that are collected as dedicated revenue by the
Department of Marine Resources for the Eel and Elver Management
14 Fund. The estimated increase of dedicated revenue to the
Department of Marine Resources is \$24,985 beginning in fiscal
16 year 2000-01.

18 This bill includes an Other Special Revenue funds allocation
of \$70,534 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Bureau of Resource
20 Management to cover the costs of one additional Marine Scientist
II position needed to enable research and management of the elver
22 fishery. This bill also includes an Other Special Revenue funds
allocation of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Bureau of
24 Marine Patrol within the Department of Marine Resources to cover
the costs of overtime pertaining to the enforcement of management
26 of the elver fishery. The estimated future costs of these
allocations will be approximately \$127,552 and \$132,278 in fiscal
28 years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively.'

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SUMMARY

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34 This amendment, which is the majority report of the
committee, replaces the bill. The amendment specifies that all
elver fishing license fees accrue to the Eel and Elver Management
36 Fund and applies that change retroactively to January 1, 2000.
The amendment provides funds for 2 positions to enable research
38 and management of the elver fishery and for enforcement.

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