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**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
119TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 332, L.D. 986, "Resolve, Establishing a Commission to Study the Feasibility of Reestablishing a Brook Trout and Landlocked Salmon Hatchery in Northern Maine"

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

**'Resolve, Establishing a Commission to Study the Needs and Opportunities Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine'**

Further amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission to Study the Needs and Opportunities Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of the following 13 members:

1. One member of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife appointed by the President of the Senate;

2. Two members of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife appointed by the House Minority Leader; one member must be from the minority party;

3. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the commissioner's designee;

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2           4. The Superintendent of Fish Culture, Department of Inland  
3 Fisheries and Wildlife;

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5           5. One member of Trout Unlimited nominated by the president  
6 of that organization and appointed by the Governor;

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8           6. Two members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
9 Advisory Council appointed by the Governor;

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11           7. Three individuals representing owners or operators of a  
12 private fish hatchery in the State appointed by the Governor;

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14           8. One member of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine  
15 nominated by the president of that organization and appointed by  
16 the Governor; and

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18           9. One individual who owns or operates a private  
19 aquaculture facility in the State and who is appointed by the  
20 Governor; and be it further

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22           **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all  
23 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the  
24 effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities must  
25 notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon  
26 making their appointments. When the appointment of all members  
27 is complete, the chair of the Legislative Council shall call and  
28 convene the first meeting of the commission no later than October  
29 1, 1999. The commission shall select a chair from among its  
30 legislative members; and be it further

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32           **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall assess and  
33 evaluate salmonid fish culture facilities in Maine and associated  
34 production and distribution capabilities, opportunities and  
35 needs, including waste discharge licensing issues. In addition,  
36 the commission shall develop recommendations designed to provide  
37 for the production and distribution of fish needed to meet future  
38 sport fish management program needs in the most cost effective  
39 manner; and be it further

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41           **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the commission shall  
42 request staffing assistance from the Legislative Council; and be  
43 it further

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45           **Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That the members of the  
46 commission are entitled to reimbursement for travel and other  
47 necessary expenses upon application to the Legislative Council.  
48 The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall  
49 administer the commission's budget; and be it further

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2 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit  
4 its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation,  
6 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
no later than September 29, 2000. If the commission requires an  
extension, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may  
grant the extension; and be it further

8 **Sec. 8. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are  
10 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of  
this resolve.

12 **1999-00**                  **2000-01**

14 **LEGISLATURE**

16 **Commission to Study the Needs and**  
18 **Opportunities Associated with the**  
20 **Production of Salmonid Sport Fish**  
in Maine

22                  Personal Services                  \$825                  \$660  
All Other                  4,350                  2,700

24                  Provides funds for the per  
26 diem and expenses of  
legislative members and the  
28 expenses of other eligible  
members of the Commission to  
30 Study the Needs and  
Opportunities Associated with  
32 the Production of Salmonid  
Sport Fish in Maine and to  
print the required report.

34 **LEGISLATURE**  
36 **TOTAL**                  \$5,175                  \$3,360'

38                  Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the  
40 summary the following:

42 **FISCAL NOTE**

44 **1999-00**                  **2000-01**

46 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

48                  General Fund                  \$5,175                  \$3,360

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2 This resolve includes additional General Fund appropriations  
of \$5,175 in fiscal year 1999-00 and \$3,360 in fiscal year  
4 2000-01 for the Legislature for the per diem and expenses of  
legislative members and the expenses of other eligible members of  
6 the Commission to Study the Needs and Opportunities Associated  
with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine and to print  
the required report.

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10 The additional costs associated with providing staffing  
assistance to the commission during the interim between  
12 legislative sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing  
existing budgeted resources. If the commission chooses to meet  
14 during the legislative session and requests staffing assistance  
during that period, the Legislature may require an additional  
General Fund appropriation to contract for staff services.

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18 The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will incur  
some minor additional costs to participate in the commission.  
20 These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing  
budgeted resources.'

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24 **SUMMARY**

26 This amendment broadens the duties of the proposed  
commission to study the needs and opportunities associated with  
28 the production of salmonid sport fisheries in Maine. The  
amendment also changes and expands the commission membership by  
30 adding the following members:

32 1. The Superintendent of Fish Culture at the Department of  
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; and

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36 2. Two members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
Advisory Council, 3 individuals who represent owners or operators  
38 of a private fish hatchery in the State, one member of the  
Sportsman's Alliance of Maine and one individual who owns or  
operates a private aquaculture facility in the State.

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42 This amendment clarifies and specifies the duties of the  
commission with regard to salmonid fish culture facilities in  
Maine.

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46 This amendment also adds an appropriation section and a  
fiscal note to the bill.