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**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 406, L.D. 1195, Bill, "An Act to Create Accountability in the Management of Trout and Salmon in Maine"

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Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 19 and inserting in its place the following:

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'19. Management of brook trout and landlocked salmon. Notwithstanding any other provision of chapters 701 to 721, any rule that includes a proposal to establish or amend the time, place or manner in which a person may fish for brook trout or landlocked salmon on inland waters is a routine technical rule as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A. The department shall provide the following information to any person upon request and at all hearings or meetings that relate to the time, place or manner in which a person may fish for brook trout or landlocked salmon on inland waters:

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A. Information and interpretation leading to rule proposals including alternative proposals that staff have considered but not proposed;

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B. An assessment of the biological potential of the waters affected and management goals for those waters, including the best scientific judgment of the probable outcome and the probability of success of the plan relating to the management of brook trout and landlocked salmon; and

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C. A realistic assessment of the ability of fisheries staff to evaluate success of the management through future surveys.'

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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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

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**FISCAL NOTE**

8 The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will incur  
some minor additional costs to provide certain information  
10 pertaining to fisheries management to members of the public.  
These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing  
12 budgeted resources.'

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment changes fishing rules from major substantive  
18 to routine technical rules, strikes the research plan  
requirements and requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and  
20 Wildlife to provide information to the public with regard to the  
complete biological and fisheries opportunity perspective that  
22 guides proposals to sustain and enhance fishing opportunities  
while conserving valued fisheries resources. The amendment also  
24 adds a fiscal note to the bill.