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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 415, L.D. 1204, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Fishing Laws"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 12 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out all of the following: "line casts" and inserting in its place the following: 'fly line propels'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in subsection 38-A in the last line (page 1, line 33 in L.D.) by striking out all of the following: "~~, wind or manual~~" and inserting in its place the following: ', wind or manual'

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

'FISCAL NOTE

This bill may reduce prosecutions for Class E crimes. If the number of jail sentences is reduced, the savings to the counties are estimated to be \$82.48 per day per prisoner. The amount of any reduction of jail time and the resulting savings to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

The Judicial Department may realize some minor savings from reductions of workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of cases that will no longer be filed in the

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2 court system. Reductions in the collection of fines may decrease
General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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SUMMARY

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8 This amendment clarifies the definition of fly fishing to
mean casting and retrieval in a manner in which the weight of the
fly line propels the fly. It also clarifies that the prohibition
10 on trolling applies only to persons fishing from wind, manual or
mechanically powered boats.

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