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No. 1827

S.P. 647

In Senate, March 11, 1999

An Act to Establish the North Atlantic Cold Water Observatory.

Reference to the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President LAWRENCE of York.
Cosponsored by Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, KONTOS of Cumberland,
MacKINNON of York, Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell, HONEY of Boothbay,
McNEIL of Rockland, STANWOOD of Southwest Harbor.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA Pt. 13 is enacted to read:

6 PART 13

8 NORTH ATLANTIC COLD WATER OBSERVATORY

10 CHAPTER 813

12 GENERAL PROVISIONS

14 §10001. North Atlantic Cold Water Observatory

16 1. Observatory established. The North Atlantic Cold Water
18 Observatory, referred to in this Part as the "observatory," is a
20 nonprofit research organization established to research the
22 conditions of the North Atlantic Ocean, including its fisheries
24 and climate.

26 2. Members. The observatory is governed by a board of
28 directors that consists of the following 7 members:

30 A. The Commissioner of Marine Resources;

32 B. Two members appointed by the commissioner;

34 C. Two members appointed by the President of the Senate; and

36 D. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
38 Representatives.

40 3. Powers and duties. The observatory has the following
42 powers and duties:

44 A. To conduct research into the North Atlantic Ocean and
46 its fisheries, climates and other characteristics;

48 B. To work collectively with other public and private
50 organizations both in and outside of the State, to advance
such research;

C. To advise and assist the Department of Marine Resources
and others with respect to the implementation of the results
found pursuant to the research performed by the observatory;
and

D. To accept funds from state and federal agencies and from
other public and private sources.

2 4. Staff. In accordance with the Civil Service Law, staff
3 may be hired to carry out the work of the observatory.

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SUMMARY

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 This bill establishes the North Atlantic Cold Water
9 Observatory to research the conditions of the North Atlantic
10 Ocean, especially its fisheries and climate.