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In Senate, March 25, 1999

**Resolve, to Establish the Citizens' Advisory Committee to Secure the  
Future of Maine's Wildlife and Fish.**

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Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 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 Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town and  
Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, KIEFFER of Aroostook, MICHAUD of Penobscot,  
Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, CAMERON of Rumford, CLARK of Millinocket,  
PERKINS of Penobscot, TRAHAN of Waldoboro.

2           **Sec. 1. Committee established. Resolved:** That the Citizens'  
3   Advisory Committee to Secure the Future of Maine's Wildlife and  
4   Fish, referred to in this resolve as the "committee," is  
5   established; and be it further

6           **Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That the committee consists of  
7   the following 18 members:

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9           A. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the  
10   commissioner's designee;

11           B. The Director of the State Planning Office or the  
12   director's designee;

13           C. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the  
14   commissioner's designee;

15           D. The Commissioner of Conservation or the commissioner's  
16   designee;

17           E. Two Legislators appointed by the President of the  
18   Senate. The President must consult with the Chairs of the  
19   Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
20   prior to appointing the members;

21           F. One Legislator appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
22   Representatives. The Speaker must consult with the Chairs  
23   of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and  
24   Wildlife prior to appointing the members;

25           G. One member who represents a statewide organization of  
26   licensed Maine Guides, appointed by the Governor;

27           H. One member who represents a statewide organization of  
28   hunters, anglers and trappers, appointed by the Governor;

29           I. One member who represents the interests of sporting camp  
30   owners, appointed by the Governor;

31           J. One member who represents a statewide nonprofit  
32   organization that specializes in wildlife conservation and  
33   natural resource education, appointed by the Governor;

34           K. One member who represents a statewide nonprofit  
35   organization that specializes in land acquisition to protect  
36   the diversity of Maine's native plant and wildlife habitat,  
37   appointed by the Governor;

38           L. One member who is an economist and who specializes in  
39   natural resource economics, appointed by the Governor;

- 2 M. One member who is a professor of wildlife ecology or  
fisheries, appointed by the Governor;
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- 6 N. One member who represents a business that offers  
ecological tours, appointed by the Governor;
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- 10 O. One member with professional wildlife or fisheries  
experience who represents the interest of a large corporate  
landowner, appointed by the Governor;
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- 14 P. One member who is a writer, publisher or editor who has  
experience with environmental, outdoor recreation or  
wildlife issues, appointed by the Governor; and
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- 18 Q. One member who is a Maine citizen who represents  
nonconsumptive uses of wildlife, appointed by the Governor;  
and be it further

20 **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all  
22 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the  
effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall  
24 notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon  
making their appointments. The chairs of the committee shall  
commence the first meeting of the committee no later than October  
26 15, 1999. The committee may hold up to 6 meetings; and be it  
further

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30 **Sec. 4. Chair; officers. Resolved:** That the committee shall  
choose one of its members to serve as chair. The committee may  
select other officers and designate their duties; and be it  
32 further

34 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the committee shall study the  
following aspects of Maine's fish and wildlife resources:

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- 38 A. The needs of Maine's fish and wildlife and the needs of  
Maine's citizens in relation to Maine's fish and wildlife,  
whether the needs are being met and the risks associated  
40 with unmet needs;
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- 44 B. The studies, programs, organizational structures and  
budgets utilized by other states to manage and conserve fish  
and wildlife resources;
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- 48 C. The financial contribution to the State's economy of the  
recreational fish and wildlife industries;
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- 52 D. Whether the structure, tasks, resources, programs and  
funding of wildlife conservation are adequate to secure fish  
and wildlife as an economic resource and as a valued Maine  
heritage; and

2 E. Strategies, actions and solutions that are necessary to  
4 secure Maine's wildlife heritage; and be it further

6 **Sec. 6. Funding. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Inland  
8 Fisheries and Wildlife may accept funds on behalf of the  
10 committee from any public or private source. The commissioner  
12 shall establish a separate account for these funds and administer  
14 the account. The commissioner may use the funds to hire a staff  
16 person and contract for services related to the committee's  
18 duties; and be it further

20 **Sec. 7. Staff. Resolved:** That the Department of Inland  
22 Fisheries and Wildlife shall provide staffing assistance to the  
24 committee. Upon approval of the Legislative Council, the Office  
26 of Policy and Legal Analysis also shall provide necessary  
28 staffing services to the committee; and be it further

30 **Sec. 8. Compensation. Resolved:** That members of the committee  
32 who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per  
34 diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section  
36 2, for each day's attendance at meetings of the committee. All  
38 members of the committee are entitled to reimbursement for travel  
40 and other necessary expenses, upon application to the Legislative  
42 Council. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall  
administer the committee's budget; and be it further

38 **Sec. 9. Report. Resolved:** That the committee shall submit its  
40 report, together with any recommended implementing legislation,  
42 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
no later than January 15, 2001. If the committee requires an  
extension of time to complete its report, it may apply to the  
Legislative Council, which may grant an extension.

## 36 SUMMARY

38 This resolve establishes the 18-member Citizens' Advisory  
40 Committee to Secure the Future of Maine's Wildlife and Fish. The  
42 committee must report its findings and any recommended  
legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries  
and Wildlife by January 15, 2001.