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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1549, L.D. 2206, Bill, "An Act to Implement an Atlantic Salmon Conservation Plan"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3331, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Atlantic salmon conservation plan for certain rivers. The council shall contract with a nonprofit organization representative of Atlantic salmon interests to distribute funds to stakeholder-based river watershed councils undertaking local conservation planning and implementation activities in the Dennys, East Machias, Machias, Narraguagus and Pleasant river watersheds, which are habitat for Atlantic salmon in Hancock and Washington counties, pursuant to the Atlantic salmon conservation plan prepared by the Maine Atlantic Salmon Task Force pursuant to Executive Order number 3FY95-96.

A. These funds must support local conservation planning and implementation activities as required in the Atlantic salmon conservation plan. Matching funds must be sought whenever possible. The watershed councils shall focus on measurable goals and objectives with stated outcomes that are consistent with the plan.

B. Any nonprofit organization administering funds under this subsection shall report to the council on the results of local salmon conservation activities consistent with the Atlantic salmon conservation plan for the 5 rivers. The first progress report is due on December 31, 1999, and a

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report is due every 6 months after that date. The council shall provide a written summary of these reports on or before January 15, 2000 in its annual report to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over fisheries and wildlife matters.

C. By January 31, 2003, the Governor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over fisheries and wildlife matters must review the need for this subsection in light of the deadlines in the Atlantic salmon conservation plan and progress in implementing its provisions.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1999-00	2000-01
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT		
State Planning Office		
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000

Provides funding to support the Washington and Hancock counties river watershed councils in their efforts to implement recommendations in the Atlantic salmon conservation plan. The amounts appropriated include funding for a contracted fundraiser, water samplers, pesticide monitoring, grants to the councils and other miscellaneous expenses.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

	1999-00	2000-01
APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
General Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000

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2 The bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$100,000
4 annually in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 to provide funding
6 to support Washington and Hancock county river watershed councils
8 in their efforts to implement recommendations in the Atlantic
salmon conservation plan. The amounts appropriated include
funding for a contracted fundraiser, water samplers, pesticide
monitoring, grants to the councils and other miscellaneous
expenses.'

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SUMMARY

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16 This amendment requires the Land and Water Resources Council
18 to support Washington County and Hancock County river watershed
20 councils in their efforts to implement recommendations in the
22 Atlantic salmon conservation plan. Through a nonprofit
24 organization supportive of Atlantic salmon interests, it will
assist in the planning and implementation of local actions. The
Land and Water Resources Council will receive reports on their
progress every 6 months and summarize this information in the
council's annual report to the Governor and the Legislature. The
amendment also appropriates \$200,000 over the biennium to support
the watershed councils and adds an appropriation section and a
fiscal note to the bill.