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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 140, L.D. 151, Bill, "An Act to Ensure that Fishways on Inland Waters are Working"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7701-A, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Monitoring program. The commissioner shall, in cooperation with the Department of Marine Resources and the Atlantic Salmon Commission, establish a program to ensure fishways are functioning properly and remain sufficient or suitable for the passage of anadromous or migratory fish. The commissioner has sole authority to take corrective action at fishways as prescribed under this section.'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will incur some minor additional costs to conduct certain inspections, to establish a program to ensure that certain fishways are operating properly and to adopt certain rules. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

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2 The Atlantic Salmon Commission and the Department of Marine
Resources will incur some minor additional costs to assist the
4 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in establishing a
program which ensures that certain fishways are operating
6 properly. These costs can be absorbed within the agencies'
existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries
and Wildlife to establish a program to ensure inland fishways are
14 functioning correctly and to do so in cooperation with the
Department of Marine Resources and the Atlantic Salmon
16 Commission. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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