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House of Representatives, February 13, 2001

An Act to Allow October Fishing.

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.
Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and
Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, JACOBS of Turner, MICHAUD of Fort Kent,
MITCHELL of Vassalboro, MUSE of Fryeburg, SAVAGE of Buxton, WHEELER of Eliot,
Senator: MARTIN of Aroostook.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7552, sub-§5-A, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 155, §3, is amended to read:

C. Whenever the last day of open-water fishing season falls on a Saturday, the commissioner shall issue a rule extending the season one day to include the following Sunday; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7552, sub-§5-A, ¶D, as amended by PL 1999, c. 319, §1, is further amended to read:

D. The commissioner by rule may extend the open-water fishing season as long as such an extension does not pose a threat to the fishery. Rules adopted under this paragraph may include provisions that establish catch-and-release-only restrictions on landlocked salmon, trout, togue and bass; ~~i~~ and

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7552, sub-§5-A, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. During the month of October, all lakes and ponds in the following counties are open to fishing: Aroostook County, Franklin County, Hancock County, Oxford County, Penobscot County, Piscataquis County, Somerset County and Washington County. Fishing in these counties during the month of October is restricted to the use of artificial lures only and all fish caught must be released.

SUMMARY

This bill allows October fishing in certain counties in the State.