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## 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 28, 2001

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Resolve, to Address the Problem of Illegal Fish Stocking.

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

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.
Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of York and
Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, CARR of Lincoln, CHICK of Lebanon, CLARK of
Millinocket, PERKINS of Penobscot, TRACY of Rome, USHER of Westbrook, Senator:
KILKELLY of Lincoln.

Sec. 1. Policy on illegal fish stocking. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall establish a comprehensive policy concerning illegal introductions of fish to the waters of the State. The policy must include measures the department will use to eradicate species that are introduced illegally, focus on prevention of illegal fish stocking and create an educational program addressing the issues of illegal fish stocking within the Division of Public Information and Education. The department shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 4, 2002 on the status of its progress in implementing this resolve.

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## SUMMARY

16 This resolve requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and comprehensive create a policy on introductions of fish to the State's waters. The policy must 18 include steps the department will take to eradicate illegal 20 species that are introduced in waters of the State. The policy should focus on prevention and establish an educational program 22 on this issue within the Division of Public Information and Education.