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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1120, L.D. 1489, "Resolve, to Create a Task Force to Make Recommendations Regarding Loss of Commercial Fishing Waterfront Access and Other Economic Development Issues Affecting Commercial Fishing"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting in their place the following:

Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved: That the task force consists of 10 members appointed as follows:

1. One Senator appointed by the President of the Senate;

2. Three members of the House of Representatives, at least one of whom serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

3. Two members representing the fishing industry, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House;

4. Two members representing state agencies that regulate the fishing industry appointed by the Governor; and

5. Two members of the general public, one of whom represents municipal government; one appointed by the President of the Senate; and one appointed by the Speaker of the House; and be it further

Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That the first named Senator is the Senate chair of the task force and the first named member of the House is the House chair of the task force; and be it further'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Further amend the resolve in section 5 in subsection 1 in
the last line (page 2, line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the
4 following: ", set asides and right-to-fish issues" and inserting
in its place the following: 'and set asides'

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8 Further amend the resolve in section 9 in the last line
(page 2, line 48 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "." and
inserting in its place the following: '; and be it further'

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12 Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 9 the
following:

14 'Sec. 10. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds
are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes
16 of this resolve.

18 2001-02

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22 **LEGISLATURE**

24 **Task Force to Make Recommendations Regarding**
Loss of Commercial Fishing Waterfront Access
26 **and Other Economic Development Issues Affecting**
Commercial Fishing

28 Personal Services \$1,320
All Other 3,200

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32 Provides funds for the per diem and expenses
of legislative members and other eligible
34 members of the Task Force to Make
Recommendations Regarding Loss of Commercial
36 Fishing Waterfront Access and Other Economic
Development Issues Affecting Commercial
Fishing and to print the required report.

38 **LEGISLATURE**

40 **TOTAL** \$4,520'

42 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

44 **FISCAL NOTE**

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48 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

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General Fund

\$4,520

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The Legislature will require an additional General Fund appropriation of \$4,520 in fiscal year 2001-02 for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and other eligible members of the Task Force to Make Recommendations Regarding Loss of Commercial Fishing Waterfront Access and Other Economic Development Issues Affecting Commercial Fishing and to print the required report.

The additional costs associated with providing staffing assistance to the task force during the interim between legislative sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing existing budgeted resources. If an extension of the reporting deadline is granted and the task force requires staffing assistance during the legislative session, the Legislature may require an additional General Fund appropriation to contract for staff services.

The Department of Marine Resources and the State Planning Office within the Executive Department will incur some minor additional costs to provide secondary staffing support to the task force. These costs can be absorbed within the agencies' existing budgeted resources.

The additional costs associated with serving as members of the task force can be absorbed by the affected state departments or agencies utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment adds 2 legislative members to the task force for a total of 4 members of the Legislature and removes 2 fishing industry members for a total of 2 members representing the fishing industry. Chair selection is amended and appointing authorities are identified. The amendment also removes the duty to review right-to-fish issues. It also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.