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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 100

House of Representatives, January 21, 2003

### Resolve, to Create the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.

2           **Sec. 1. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; Department of**  
3 **Marine Resources; Atlantic Salmon Commission; abolished. Resolved:**  
4 That effective 90 days after the adjournment of the Second  
5 Regular Session of the 121st Legislature, the Department of  
6 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Marine Resources  
7 and the Atlantic Salmon Commission are abolished; and be it  
8 further

9           **Sec. 2. Plan and legislation submitted. Resolved:** That the  
10 Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services shall, in  
11 consultation with the Department of Inland Fisheries and  
12 Wildlife, the Department of Marine Resources and the Atlantic  
13 Salmon Commission, develop and submit to the Legislature by  
14 November 1, 2003 legislation that accomplishes the following:

15           1. Reorganizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and  
16 Wildlife, the Department of Marine Resources and the Atlantic  
17 Salmon Commission into a single Department of Fisheries and  
18 Wildlife with the same responsibilities and duties as the current  
19 departments and commissions;

20           2. Amends relevant laws to conform to the reorganization;

21           3. Provides a budget for the new department; and

22           4. Specifies all positions that will be eliminated or  
23 reclassified.

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### SUMMARY

26           This resolve accomplishes the following:

27           1. Abolishes the Department of Inland Fisheries and  
28 Wildlife, the Department of Marine Resources and the Atlantic  
29 Salmon Commission 90 days after the adjournment of the Second  
30 Regular Session of the 121st Legislature; and

31           2. Requires the Commissioner of Administrative and  
32 Financial Services, in consultation with the Department of Inland  
33 Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Marine Resources and  
34 the Atlantic Salmon Commission, to develop and submit to the  
35 Legislature by November 1, 2003 legislation that reorganizes the  
36 3 agencies into a new Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.  
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