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Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Conduct a Programmatic Review of the Department's Bureau of Administrative Services

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

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRYANT of Oxford. Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town and Senator: KNEELAND of Aroostook, Representatives: HONEY of Boothbay, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, PATRICK of Rumford, PINEAU of Jay, SMITH of Van Buren. Sec. 1. Contract for assessment of Bureau of Administrative Services. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, referred to in this resolve as "the commissioner," shall contract with outside experts to assess, evaluate and recommend improvements in all aspects of the department's Bureau of Administrative Services; and be it further

8 Sec. 2. Procedures to be used. Resolved: That a contract awarded pursuant to this resolve must be awarded in accordance with applicable state laws, rules and procedures relating to the 10 purchase of services and awarding of contracts. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, referred to in this resolve as 12 "the department," shall establish a panel to assist in developing 14 a scope of work and evaluating and selecting a proposal. The panel must include appropriate department staff and up to 5 people representing statewide organizations with an interest in 16 the administrative services provided by the department; and be it 18 further

Sec. 3. Scope of work. Resolved: That the programmatic review 20 must include, but not be limited to: planning and budgeting; staffing levels; personnel leadership and technical skills; 22 applicable laws, rules and policies governing the Bureau of Administrative Services; decision-making processes; and resource 24 management and public involvement practices. In addition to a contract specifying that the contractor must assess the 26 department's professional ability to design and carry out an effective Bureau of Administrative Services, a contract awarded 28 pursuant to this resolve must include a requirement that the contractor identify members of the public who consider themselves 30 stakeholders and include their feedback in the assessment process; and be it further 32

34 Sec. 4. Funding. Resolved: That the commissioner may accept grants and donations for the work required pursuant to this 36 resolve and expend those funds as necessary to accomplish the purpose of this resolve. In the event that adequate funds are 38 not secured, the commissioner may at the commissioner's discretion terminate this work; and be it further

Sec. 5. Report required. Resolved: That the commissioner shall submit a report of work conducted in response to this resolve and any findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters by January 2, 2005.

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SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to conduct a programmatic review of the Bureau of Administrative Services. The commissioner shall contract with an experienced firm to assess and evaluate the department's Bureau of Administrative Services.

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