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Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Conduct a Programmatic Review of the Bureau of Warden Service

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

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: HATCH of Skowhegan, HONEY of
Boothbay, HOTHAM of Dixfield, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, PATRICK of Rumford,
PINEAU of Jay.

- Sec. 1. Contract for assessment of Bureau of Warden Service.

 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 Bureau of Warden Service; and be it further
 - 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 purchase of services and awarding of contracts. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall establish a panel to assist in developing 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 the Bureau of Warden Service; and be it further

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

Sec. 4. Funding. Resolved: That the commissioner may accept grants and donations for the work required pursuant to this resolve and expend those funds as necessary to accomplish the purpose of this resolve. In the event that adequate funds are 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 4, 2005.

46 SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to conduct a programmatic review of the Bureau of

Warden Service. The commissioner shall contract with an experienced firm to assess and evaluate the department's warden service.