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In Senate, January 21, 2003

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
to Conduct a Programmatic Review of the State's Wildlife
Management Program**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

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 wildlife program. Resolved:

2 That the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, referred
to in this resolve as "the commissioner," shall contract with
4 outside experts to assess, evaluate and recommend improvements in
all aspects of the wildlife management program; and be it further
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Sec. 2. Procedures to be used. Resolved:

8 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
a scope of work and evaluating and selecting a proposal. The
14 panel must include appropriate department staff and up to 5
people representing statewide organizations with an interest in
16 the management of wildlife; and be it further

Sec. 3. Scope of work. Resolved:

18 That the programmatic review must include, but not be limited to: planning and budgeting;
20 staffing levels; personnel leadership and technical skills;
applicable laws, rules and policies governing the program;
22 decision-making processes; and resource management and public
involvement practices. In addition to a contract specifying that
24 the contractor must assess the department's professional ability
to design and carry out an effective wildlife management program,
26 a contract awarded pursuant to this resolve must include a
requirement that the contractor identify members of the public
28 who consider themselves stakeholders and include their feedback
in the assessment process; and be it further
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Sec. 4. Funding. Resolved:

32 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
34 purpose of this resolve. In the event that adequate funds are
not secured, the commissioner may at the commissioner's
36 discretion terminate this work; and be it further

Sec. 5. Report required. Resolved:

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

SUMMARY

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46 This resolve requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries
48 and Wildlife to conduct a programmatic review of the department's

2 wildlife management program. The commissioner shall contract with an experienced firm to assess and evaluate the wildlife management program.