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MAJORITY
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 192, L.D. 237, Bill, "An Act To Prohibit Coyote Snaring and Eliminate the Coyote Snaring Program"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Improve the Coyote Control Program'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 1999, c. 636, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7035, sub-§3, ¶B-1 is enacted to read:

B-1. An agent may use snares to control coyotes during winter months under the following conditions.

(1) Agents may use snares only for animal damage control purposes to help meet management goals established by the commissioner for deer, threatened or endangered species or other wildlife species or to benefit agricultural interests as described in paragraph C.

(2) Agents must be trained and certified by the department in the use of snares.

2 (3) Agents must be deployed by a department wildlife
3 biologist before setting snares.

4 (4) Agents shall post access points to areas in which
5 snaring activity is taking place, including, but not
6 limited to, roads and trails for motorized vehicles,
7 cross-country skiers or hikers or other obvious travel
8 ways that may be used by people.

9 (5) An agent shall plainly label snares with the full
10 name and address of that agent.

11 (6) An agent shall keep an accurate record of the
12 number and location of snares set by that agent and
13 must be able to account for those snares at all times.

14 (7) An agent shall check that agent's snares that are
15 equipped with relaxing locks on a daily basis.

16 (8) Department employees may accompany agents at any
17 time an agent is checking snares.

18 (9) Agents shall report monthly to the department on
19 forms provided by the department the coyotes and
20 nontarget species taken by snaring during the reporting
21 period.

22 (10) The commissioner shall revoke the snaring
23 certificate of an agent who violates any provision of
24 this paragraph.

25 The commissioner shall adopt policies and procedures on the
26 use of snares as necessary to minimize the potential for
27 taking nontarget species and to adequately protect
28 threatened and endangered species.'

39 **SUMMARY**

40 This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing
41 Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and replaces the
42 original bill. The amendment sets conditions and requirements
43 for agents of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife who
44 use snares for the control of coyotes during the winter months.

45 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
46 **(See attached)**

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**Fiscal Note for Original Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Majority Report

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund