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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. 637, L.D. 860, Bill, "An Act To Allow Smelt Fishing in Long Lake in Aroostook County"

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 §7552-A is enacted to read:

§7552-A. Smelt fishing in Long Lake

Notwithstanding section 7552, a person may fish for smelt by use of a dip net in the parts of Long Lake and its tributaries that are within Township 17, Range 3, Aroostook County. A person may not:

1. Exceed daily bag limit. Exceed the daily bag limit of 2 quarts per person. A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime; or

2. Harvest for commercial purposes. Harvest smelt for commercial purposes. A person who violates this subsection commits a Class D crime for which a fine of not less than \$1,000 may be adjudged.

This section is repealed December 31, 2005.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. This amendment

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2 replaces the bill and allows the recreational harvest of smelt on
certain portions of Long Lake. A person who exceeds the daily
4 bag limit commits a Class E crime. It also makes the commercial
harvests of smelt in those portions of Long Lake a Class D crime
6 with a minimum fine of \$1,000. The authority to harvest smelt
under this amendment is repealed December 31, 2005.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



LD 860

An Act To Allow Smelt Fishing in Long Lake in Aroostook County

LR 1336(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes a Class D crime.