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An Act To Repeal the Fee on Aquacultural Salmon Production

Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative KAELIN of Winterport.

Cosponsored by Representative: HONEY of Boothbay, Senator: SHOREY of Washington.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§57-C,** as reallocated by RR 1995,
c. 2, §9, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6078, sub-§1,** as repealed and replaced by PL
1995, c. 609, §2, is repealed.

8 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6078, sub-§3,** as repealed and replaced by PL
10 1995, c. 609, §2, is repealed.

12 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6078, sub-§4,** as corrected by RR 1995, c. 2,
14 §21, is repealed.

16 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §6078, sub-§7,** as corrected by RR 1995, c. 2,
§22, is repealed.

18 **Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §6078, sub-§8,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 609,
20 §2, is repealed.

22 **Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §6080,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 156, §5, is
repealed.

24 **Sec. 8. Salmon Aquaculture Monitoring, Research and Development**
Fund refunds. By July 1, 2004, the Commissioner of Marine
26 Resources shall identify those persons that, since January 1,
2001, have paid money into the Salmon Aquaculture Monitoring,
28 Research and Development Fund, established under the Maine
Revised Statutes, Title 12, former section 6078, subsection 1,
30 and refund on a pro rata basis to those persons the unexpended
balance of the fund.

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34 By January 1, 2005, the Commissioner of Marine Resources
shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
36 having jurisdiction over marine resources matters regarding the
disposal of the unexpended funds.

38 **Sec. 9. Effective date.** Those sections of this Act that repeal
the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection
40 57-C and Title 12, section 6078, subsections 1, 4, 7 and 8 and
section 6080 take effect July 1, 2004.

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44 **SUMMARY**

46 This bill repeals the Salmon Aquaculture Monitoring,
Research and Development Fund, including the 1¢ per pound fee on
48 whole fish harvested paid by the salmon aquaculture industry, and
requires the commission to refund any remaining balance in the
50 fund to persons who have paid money into the fund since January

1, 2001. Additionally, the bill repeals the authority language
2 for the Maine Salmon Aquaculture Advisory Council, whose purpose
was to provide guidance on expenditures from the Salmon
4 Aquaculture Monitoring, Research and Development Fund.