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Resolve, To Establish a Demonstration Project To Introduce Grass Carp to Inland Waters

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 11, 2003. Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative USHER of Westbrook. Cosponsored by Representative: DUPLESSIE of Westbrook.

- Sec. 1. Demonstration project. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, referred to in this resolve as "the commissioner," shall design and implement a 2-year demonstration project to introduce the grass carp into a test site within the inland waters in the State in order to study the effects of the grass carp on milfoil.
 - 1. Scope of project. The commissioner shall determine the scope of the project, including identification of the specific test site and identification of the specific type of grass carp to introduce into the test site.

2. Monitor; assess. The commissioner shall monitor:

- A. The effect of the introduction of grass carp on milfoil and other invasive species;
- B. The effect of the introduction of grass carp on other aquatic life; and

- C. The ability to contain the grass carp within the test site and prevent escape.
- 3. Report. The commissioner shall report the results of the demonstration project together with any recommended legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters no later than December 1, 2006. Following receipt and review of the report, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters may report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to design and implement a demonstration project to introduce the grass carp into a test site within the inland waters of the State in order to study the effects of the grass carp on milfoil.