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In Senate, February 1, 2005

An Act To Limit the Harvesting of Eels in Maine Rivers

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 DAMON of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative KAELIN of Winterport and
Senators: ANDREWS of York, SULLIVAN of York, Representatives: ADAMS of Portland,
DUGAY of Cherryfield, PERCY of Phippsburg.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12506, sub-§2, ¶A**, as affected by PL 2003, c.
614, §9 and repealed and replaced by c. 655, Pt. B, §253 and
6 affected by §422, is amended to read:

8 A. Eels using eel pots ~~or~~-~~weirs~~;

10 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12506, sub-§3**, as affected by PL 2003, c.
614, §9 and repealed and replaced by c. 655, Pt. B, §253 and
12 affected by §422, is amended to read:

14 **3. Fees; transfer of permit.** The minimum fee for an
individual permit for alewives, suckers, lampreys and yellow
16 perch is \$42. A crew permit may be sold for alewives, suckers,
lampreys and yellow perch for \$100, authorizing up to 3 persons
18 to engage in the permitted activity. The annual fee for an eel
pot ~~or~~-~~weir~~ permit is \$100. An eel pot ~~or~~-~~eel~~-~~weir~~ permit is not
transferable.

20 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §12506, sub-§§4 and 6**, as affected by PL 2003,
22 c. 614, §9 and repealed and replaced by c. 655, Pt. B, §253 and
affected by §422, are repealed.

24 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §12506, sub-§6-A** is enacted to read:

26 **6-A. Elvers prohibition.** A person may not fish for or take
28 elvers from inland waters. A person who violates this subsection
30 commits a Class E crime.

32 **SUMMARY**

34 This bill prohibits the fishing for or taking of eels in
36 Maine inland waters, except by eel pot or by hook and line.