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Resolve, To Restore the Atlantic Salmon Population on the Pleasant River

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative JOY of Crystal.
Cosponsored by Representatives: LINDELL of Frankfort, VAUGHAN of Durham.

2 **Whereas,** Atlantic salmon populations in the Pleasant River
have dwindled in recent years; and

4 **Whereas,** those populations are at an all-time low with
little hope of change in the near future; and

6 **Whereas,** population sizes such as those on the Pleasant
8 River are not sufficient in number to create a viable new
population; and

10 **Whereas,** the federal restoration plan for the Pleasant River
12 will take an estimated 35 years or more; now, therefore, be it

14 **Sec. 1. Restoration of Atlantic salmon population in Pleasant River.**
Resolved: That the Department of Marine Resources shall use
16 existing aquaculture technology to accomplish the restoration of
Atlantic salmon to the Pleasant River within 5 years in
18 sufficient quantity to allow sport fishing and viable numbers for
spawning.

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SUMMARY

24 This resolve directs the Department of Marine Resources to
use existing aquaculture technology to accomplish the restoration
26 of Atlantic salmon to the Pleasant River.