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S.P. 395

In Senate, March 8, 2005

An Act To Recognize and Protect the Native Eastern Brook Trout as Maine's Heritage Fish

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 WOODCOCK of Franklin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §224** is enacted to read:

6 **§224. State heritage fish**

8 The state heritage fish is the eastern brook trout, Salvelinus fontinalis.

10 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12461** is enacted to read:

12 **§12461. Unstocked brook trout waters**

14 A water listed in the Department of Inland Fisheries and
16 Wildlife report of March 1996 entitled "Administrative Policy
18 Regarding Native Salmonid Management" as a Maine lake or pond
20 with a native brook trout population with no record of having
been stocked since 1937 may not be stocked with interspecific or
intraspecific predator, prey or competitor fish species from any
hatchery or wild source without legislative approval.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 **This bill names the eastern brook trout as the State's**
26 **heritage fish and forbids without legislative approval the**
28 **stocking of any brook trout water listed by the Department of**
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as having not been stocked since
1937.