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House of Representatives, January 3, 2006

An Act To Allow Smelt Dipping in Long Lake in Aroostook County

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 28, 2005. 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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Presented by Representative SMITH of Van Buren. Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representative: PARADIS of Frenchville.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12460-A is enacted to read:
§12460-A. Smelt fishing in Long Lake in Aroostook County
Notwithstanding section 12456, a person may fish for smelt
by use of a dip net in the parts of Long Lake and its tributaries
that are within Township 17, Range 3, Aroostook County. A person
may not:
1. Exceed daily bag limit. Exceed the daily bag limit of 2
quarts per person. A person who violates this subsection commits
a Class E crime; or
2. Harvest for commercial purposes. Harvest smelt for
commercial purposes. A person who violates this subsection
commits a Class D crime for which a fine of not less than \$1,000
may be adjudged.
SUMMARY
This bill allows the continuation of smelt dipping after 2005 in Long Lake in Aroostook County.