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In Senate, January 9, 2007

An Act To List the Shortnose Sturgeon as a Marine Endangered Species

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources 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 PERCY of Phippsburg.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6975, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 573, §1, is amended
3 to read:

4 **7. Atlantic ridley turtle.** Atlantic ridley turtle, *Lepidochelys kempii*, endangered;
5 **and**

6 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6975, sub-§8**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 573, §1, is amended
7 to read:

8 **8. Loggerhead turtle.** Loggerhead turtle, *Caretta caretta*, threatened; **and**

9 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6975, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

10 **9. Shortnose sturgeon.** Shortnose sturgeon, *Acipenser brevirostrum*, endangered.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill adds shortnose sturgeon, which is listed as an endangered species by the
13 United States Secretary of the Interior, to Maine's endangered species list. This action
14 authorizes the inclusion of shortnose sturgeon in the Department of Marine Resources'
15 Section 6 Cooperative Agreement with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
16 Administration, which allows federally funded research of this endangered species in
17 state waters.