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## **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

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## 123RD LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 147, L.D. 165, Bill, "An Act To 10 Designate the Arctic Charr as a State Heritage Fish"

11 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

12 'Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12461, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 180, §2, is amended to read:

#### 13 §12461. State heritage fish waters

14 **1. Adoption of state heritage fish waters.** The commissioner shall adopt by rule 15 for each state heritage fish under Title 1, section 212-A a list of native brook trout state 16 heritage fish waters composed of lakes and ponds that contain eastern brook trout that 17 state heritage fish and have never been stocked according to any reliable records. The list 18 of native brook trout waters authorized for adoption by Resolve 2005, chapter 172 is a list 19 of state heritage fish waters for purposes of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this 20 subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

21 **2.** Addition of waters to list. The commissioner may adopt rules to amend the <u>a</u> list 22 established in <u>under</u> subsection 1 to add a lake or pond if that lake or pond meets criteria 23 established by the commissioner for classifying a lake or pond as <del>native brook trout</del> 24 waters <u>a state heritage fish water</u>. Rules adopted to add a lake or pond to the <u>a</u> list 25 established under subsection 1 are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 26 375, subchapter 2-A.

3. Removal of waters from list. The commissioner may by rule remove a lake or
pond from the <u>a</u> list established in <u>under</u> subsection 1. Rules adopted pursuant to this
subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

30 4. Stocking state heritage fish. The commissioner may not stock or issue a permit
31 to stock fish in a lake or pond listed as native brook trout a state heritage fish water under
32 this section.

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5. Fishing restrictions. A person may not use live fish <u>as</u> bait or possess live fish <u>to</u> <u>be used as</u> bait on a lake or pond listed as <del>native brook trout</del> <u>a state heritage fish</u> water under this section. A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime.'

### SUMMARY

5 This amendment provides that each fish listed as a state heritage fish has a list of state 6 heritage fish waters specific to that fish. It also clarifies that a person may not use in or 7 possess on a state heritage fish water live fish as bait.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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### LR 231(02)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Fiscal Note Required: Yes

## **Fiscal Note**

Minor cost increase - General Fund