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An Act To Establish Emergency Response to Illegal Introductions of Invasive Fish Species

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 BRYANT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative BRYANT of Windham and
Senators: DAMON of Hancock, HOBBS of York, Representatives: JACKSON of Allagash,
PATRICK of Rumford, RICHARDSON of Carmel, WHEELER of Kittery.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10105, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:**

3 **1-A. Authorize taking and destruction of fish.** Whenever an illegal introduction
4 **of invasive fish species occurs and the commissioner determines it necessary for resource**
5 **protection and management, the commissioner may authorize licensed anglers to assist**
6 **the commissioner in the taking and destruction of that invasive fish species.**

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, when an illegal
9 introduction of invasive fish species has occurred, to authorize licensed anglers to assist
10 in the taking and destruction of that invasive fish species.