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Resolve, To Require the Department of Marine Resources To Report on Results of Anadromous Fish Restoration on the Kennebec River System

Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative FLETCHER of Winslow. Cosponsored by Representatives: FITTS of Pittsfield, JOY of Crystal, SAVIELLO of Wilton. Sec. 1. Department of Marine Resources shall develop, perform and report results of cost and benefit analysis. Resolved: That the Department of Marine Resources shall develop and perform a comprehensive cost and benefit analysis of the restoration of anadromous fish to the Kennebec River system through June 2006. This analysis must include, but is not limited to, the following:

6 1. The estimated cost of achieving fish passage at the obstructions located on the
7 waterways that provide access to these specific lakes and ponds, as well as the estimated
8 ongoing cost to maintain and operate fish passage;

9 2. The total cost of preventing the introduction of exotic species into these water 10 systems once fish passage is achieved;

11 3. The forecasted economic benefit to be derived from the reintroduction of 12 alewives, American shad and Atlantic salmon into these specific waterways and the 13 measuring system that will be used to document the actual benefit produced;

4. The estimated private and public resources needed to achieve the restoration aswell as the funding sources that will be required; and

16 5. The forecast of the resources under the Kennebec Hydro Developers Group17 Agreement that will be available to meet future restoration needs.

18 The Department of Marine Resources shall report the results of its analysis to the 19 Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources by January 15, 2008. Funding for this 20 analysis must be from the existing Kennebec River Restoration Fund, currently being 21 held by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

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SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Marine Resources to develop and perform a comprehensive cost and benefit analysis of the restoration of anadromous fish to the Kennebec River system. The department must report to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources by January 15, 2008.