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An Act To Create the Endangered or Threatened Marine Species Fund

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 §6978** is enacted to read:

3 **§6978. Endangered or Threatened Marine Species Fund**

4 The Endangered or Threatened Marine Species Fund, referred to in this section as
5 "the fund," is established within the department.

6 **1. Sources.** The commissioner may receive donations and funding from any source
7 on behalf of the fund.

8 **2. Purpose; use of fund.** The purpose of the fund is to support activities related to
9 the management of endangered or threatened marine species. All money received into
10 the fund must be used for the purposes of the fund.

11 **3. Interest and balances credited to fund.** Any interest earned on the money in the
12 fund must be credited to the fund. Unexpended balances in the fund at the end of the
13 fiscal year do not lapse but must be carried forward to the next fiscal year and credited to
14 the fund to be used for the purposes of this section. ¶

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill allows the Department of Marine Resources to accept donations of
17 equipment and funding from any source to assist with its work on behalf of endangered or
18 threatened marine species.