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NATURAL RESOURCES

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

123RD LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 531, L.D. 1508, Bill, "An Act To Protect the Scenic Value of the Kennebec River"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §403, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 458, §1, is amended to read:

7. **Kennebec River.** The Kennebec River from Bay Point in Georgetown to the ~~Father Curran Bridge in Augusta~~ its confluence with the Sebasticook River in Winslow and from the confluence of the Dead River with the Kennebec River up to, but not including, the Harris Dam in Indian Stream Township;

Sec. 2. Report on gravel pit and quarry setbacks and buffers. The Department of Environmental Protection shall review the setback and buffer standards for excavations and quarries, including how setbacks and buffers for areas of steep slopes are addressed. The department shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources by January 15, 2008. The committee may submit legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. Under current law, the Kennebec River from Bay Point in Georgetown to the Father Curran Bridge in Augusta is designated as an outstanding river segment. This amendment would continue the designation from Bay Point in Georgetown to the confluence of the Kennebec River with the Sebasticook River in Winslow as an outstanding river segment. It also directs the Department of Environmental Protection to review the setback and buffer standards for excavations and quarries, including how setbacks and buffers for areas of steep slopes are addressed, and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources by January 15, 2008. It also

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1 authorizes the committee to submit legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular
2 Session of the 123rd Legislature.

3 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
4 **(See attached)**



123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1508

LR 1328(02)

An Act To Protect the Scenic Value of the Kennebec River

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs associated with this legislation can be absorbed by the Department of Environmental Protection utilizing existing budgeted resources.