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**An Act To Simplify and Consolidate Maine's Fishing Laws and  
Rules**

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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 GOOLEY of Franklin.  
Cosponsored by Senator: TRAHAN of Lincoln, Representatives: EBERLE of South Portland,  
WHEELER of Kittery.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12452**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected  
3 by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

4 **§12452. Consolidation of rules**

5 Fishing rules as set forth in the ~~annual~~ Open Water and Ice Fishing Regulations  
6 folder ~~and the annual Ice Fishing Regulations folder~~, as printed and distributed to the  
7 public, are declared to be official consolidations of fishing rules ~~upon filing~~ that have  
8 been filed with the Secretary of State.

9 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12652, sub-§1**, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and  
10 amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §275 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:

11 **1. Prohibition.** Except in accordance with section 12659-A, subsection 1, and as  
12 otherwise provided by rule, a person may not fish with more than 2 lines at any one time.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill makes changes to the laws governing the season framework for open water  
15 and ice fishing to facilitate the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's simplifying  
16 and consolidating of open water and ice fishing seasons.