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House of Representatives, February 12, 2009

**An Act To Consolidate the Department of Marine Resources and the
Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife into a New Department
of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative WATSON of Bath.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to combine the Department of Marine Resources and the
6 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to form a new Department of Fish, Wildlife
7 and Marine Resources. The consolidation will be accomplished in a way that retains the
8 core functions of the two departments and promotes cooperation and collaboration among
9 the divisions to ensure that management is integrated.