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Resolve, Establishing Goals and Principles for Fisheries Management for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson.
Cosponsored by Senator TRAHAN of Lincoln and
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, EBERLE of South Portland, PRATT of Eddington,
SAVIELLO of Wilton, SHAW of Standish.

1 2 3 4 5	Sec. 1. Implementation of fisheries management and research. Resolved: That, in implementing the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapter 925, subchapter 2, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall conduct fisheries management and research initiatives in a manner designed to enhance recreational fishing throughout the State by:
6	1. Increasing fishing license sales;
7	2. Increasing the economic contribution provided to the State by recreational fishing;
8	3. Recognizing and protecting the quality of fishing experiences in the State;
9	4. Increasing the accessibility of recreational fishing;
10	5. Increasing opportunities for recreational fishing;
11	6. Enhancing the populations of large fish;
12	7. Increasing the economic value of fish and of fishing as an industry;
13 14	8. Assigning native and wild fisheries the highest priority for sustainable management;
15	9. Securing access to all lakes, ponds, rivers and streams in the State; and
16 17	10. Establishing accountability for departmental decisions, policies and fisheries managers.
18	SUMMARY
.19 20 21	This resolve requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to conduct fisheries management and research initiatives in a manner designed to enhance recreational fishing throughout the State