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S.P. 349

In Senate, March 10, 2009

An Act To Establish and Enhance Populations of Large Landlocked Salmon in Certain Inland Waters

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 DAMON of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DAVIS of Sangerville, DUCHESNE of Hudson, EBERLE of South Portland, PRATT of Eddington, SAVIELLO of Wilton, WATSON of Bath, WELSH of Rockport.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12462** is enacted to read:

3 **§12462. Landlocked salmon management; select waters and regulations**

4 Beginning October 1, 2009, the department shall manage Green Lake in Hancock
5 County, Sebec Lake in Piscataquis County, West Grand Lake in Washington County and
6 Sebago Lake in Cumberland County primarily for landlocked salmon.

7 **1. Restrictions.** The prohibitions in this subsection apply to landlocked salmon in
8 the water bodies listed in this section.

9 A. A person may not exceed the daily bag limit of 2 salmon.

10 B. A person may not possess as part of that person's daily bag limit more than one
11 salmon more than 22 inches in length.

12 C. A person may not keep a salmon less than 14 inches in length and must release
13 such a salmon alive immediately.

14 D. A person may not keep a salmon between 18 inches and 22 inches in length and
15 must release such a salmon alive immediately.

16 **2. Penalties.** The penalties under this subsection apply to violations of subsection 1.

17 A. A person who violates subsection 1 commits a civil violation for which a fine of
18 not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

19 B. A person who violates subsection 1 after having been adjudicated as having
20 committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period
21 commits a Class E crime.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to manage certain
24 inland waters primarily for landlocked salmon and provides bag limits and length
25 restrictions for landlocked salmon in those waters.