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H.P. 779

House of Representatives, March 23, 2009

**Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Examine the
Establishment of a Wildlife Sanctuary on Blue Hill Bay**

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative SCHATZ of Blue Hill.
Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock.

1 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission To Examine
2 the Establishment of a Wildlife Sanctuary on Blue Hill Bay, referred to in this resolve as
3 "the commission," is established; and be it further

4 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of
5 12 members appointed as follows:

6 1. Five members appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:

7 A. Three members of the Senate;

8 B. One member who is a representative of the Maine Audubon Society; and

9 C. One member who is a representative of the Nature Conservancy;

10 2. Five members appointed by the Speaker of the House as follows:

11 A. Four members of the House of Representatives; and

12 B. One member who is a representative of the Friends of Blue Hill Bay; and

13 3. Two members as follows:

14 A. The Commissioner of Conservation or the commissioner's designee; and

15 B. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the commissioner's designee;
16 and be it further

17 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate
18 chair of the commission and the first-named House of Representatives member is the
19 House chair of the commission; and be it further

20 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all
21 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
22 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative
23 Council once all appointments have been completed. Within 15 days after appointment
24 of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission,
25 which must be no later than October 1, 2009; and be it further

26 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall examine establishing in
27 Hancock County a wildlife sanctuary in a tidal area that has ocean frontage on Blue Hill
28 Bay; and be it further

29 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide
30 necessary staffing services to the commission; and be it further

31 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 2, 2009, the commission
32 shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested
33 legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature. The
34 following joint standing committees are authorized to introduce one bill related to the
35 subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature upon
36 receipt of the report:

- 1 1. The Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;
- 2 2. The Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources;
- 3 3. The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry; and
- 4 4. The Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources.

5 **SUMMARY**

6 This resolve establishes a study commission to examine establishing in Hancock
7 County a wildlife sanctuary in a tidal area that has ocean frontage on Blue Hill Bay. The
8 commission is to report its findings to 4 appropriate joint standing committees during the
9 Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.