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STATE OF MAINE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "C" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 516,
L.D. 1432, Bill, "An Act To Create a Saltwater Recreational Fishing Registry"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §6312 in subsection 1 by striking out all of
paragraph A (page 1, lines 17 and 18 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'A. "Person with a disability" means a person who has a physical or mental
impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on that person's ability
to carry out normal day-to-day activities.'

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §6312 in subsection 2 by inserting at the end
the following: 'Any revenue generated from the sale of registry information must be used
to fund the costs associated with the registry.'

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §6312 in subsection 4 in paragraph E in the
first line (page 2, line 14 in amendment) by striking out the following: "and"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §6312 in subsection 4 in paragraph F in the
last line (page 2, line 18 in amendment) by striking out the following: "(2009)." and
inserting the following: '(2009); and'

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §6312 in subsection 4 by inserting at the end
the following:

'G. A person fishing for smelt by hook and line through the ice from a commercial
smelt fishing shack.'

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §6312 in subsection 5 in the last line (page 2,
line 22 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "registration system" the
following: 'except that a person registering through an agent authorized under section
12501 may be charged an agent fee of \$1 if the only transaction conducted by that person
is registering on the registry. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
department may reimburse the operator of the online licensing and registration system
only to the extent of the actual expenses incurred by that operator when permitting
registration under subsection 3'

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §6312 in subsection 6 by striking out all of the
first line (page 2, line 23 in amendment) and inserting the following:

SENATE AMENDMENT

1 **'6. Administration and enforcement; funding.** The commissioner shall administer
2 **and enforce the provisions of this section within the department's existing resources. The**
3 **commissioner shall work with Maine's congressional delegation to seek federal funding**
4 **for purposes of this section. The commissioner may not expand enforcement activities**
5 **under this subsection beyond existing department resources unless federal funding is**
6 **secured to cover the costs of those expanded enforcement operations.'**

7 Amend the amendment in section 1 in §6312 by inserting at the end the following:

8 **'10. Education; source of funding.** The department may accept funding from any
9 **source, public or private, to be used by the department to educate the public on the**
10 **provisions of this section.'**

11 Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

12 **'Sec. 3. Fee structure proposal and report.** The Commissioner of Marine
13 Resources and the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife jointly shall develop a
14 proposal to establish a fee structure to cover the costs incurred by the Department of
15 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources for data collection
16 and analysis, enforcement and educational activities associated with the saltwater
17 recreational fishing registry established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section
18 6312. The fee structure must impose a fee on a person that owns or operates a
19 commercial smelt fishing shack, the operator of a vessel who possesses a current guide
20 license for tidewater fishing issued under Title 12, section 12853 and the operator of a
21 vessel licensed to carry passengers for hire for recreational saltwater fishing, but may not
22 impose fees for registering on the saltwater recreational fishing registry. The proposal
23 must authorize the Department of Marine Resources to accept funding from outside
24 sources, public or private, and restrict the use of the fees and any outside funding to the
25 maintenance of, the enforcement of and education about the saltwater recreational fishing
26 registry. The Commissioner of Marine Resources shall report the fee structures and
27 recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources by January 5,
28 2010. In that report, the commissioner shall include a recommendation for establishing a
29 fee for a person that sells smelt taken by hook and line from tidal waters through the ice.
30 The report must also include the recommendations of the Commissioner of Inland
31 Fisheries and Wildlife and the Commissioner of Marine Resources regarding the
32 measures to be taken by the departments to educate the public about the saltwater
33 recreational fishing registry and the anticipated costs of those educational measures. The
34 joint standing committee may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the
35 124th Legislature regarding matters contained in the report.

36 **Sec. 4. Contingent effective date.** That section of this Act that enacts the Maine
37 Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6312 does not take effect until the Department of
38 Marine Resources receives sufficient funding from any source, public or private, to cover
39 the anticipated costs of the department and the Department of Inland Fisheries and
40 Wildlife on educating the public regarding the saltwater recreational fishing registry. The
41 costs may be paid using fees from the fee structure developed pursuant to section 3.
42 When the Commissioner of Marine Resources determines that sufficient funding exists,
43 the commissioner shall certify this fact to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of the House of
44 Representatives, the Secretary of the Senate, the chairs of the joint standing committees

1 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters and
2 marine resources matters and the Revisor of Statutes.'

3 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter
4 or section number to read consecutively.

5 **SUMMARY**

6 This amendment to Committee Amendment "A" does the following.

7 1. It provides that "person with a disability" means a person that has a physical or
8 mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on that person's
9 ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

10 2. It exempts a person fishing for smelt by hook and line through the ice from a
11 commercial smelt fishing shack from the registry requirements.

12 3. It allows an agent to charge a person an agent fee of \$1 if the only transaction
13 conducted by that person is registering on the saltwater recreational fishing registry. It
14 allows the department to reimburse the operator of the online licensing and registration
15 system only to the extent of the actual expenses incurred by that operator for the use of
16 the online system to register persons for the saltwater recreational fishing registry.

17 4. It provides that the provisions of the registry must be implemented and enforced
18 within the existing resources of the Department of Marine Resources and directs the
19 Commissioner of Marine Resources to work with Maine's congressional delegation to
20 seek federal funding for the administration of the registry.

21 5. It provides that the department may not expand enforcement activities beyond its
22 existing resources unless federal funding is secured to cover the costs of the expanded
23 enforcement activities.

24 6. It directs that any revenue generated from the sale of registry information must be
25 used to fund the costs associated with the registry.

26 7. It allows the Department of Marine Resources to receive funding from any public
27 or private source and requires those funds to be used only for the costs associated with the
28 registry.

29 8. It directs the Commissioner of Marine Resources and the Commissioner of Inland
30 Fisheries and Wildlife to collaborate on developing a fee structure that imposes fees on a
31 person that owns or operates a commercial smelt fishing shack, the operator of a vessel
32 who possesses a current guide license for tidewater fishing and the operator of a vessel
33 licensed to carry passengers for hire for recreational saltwater fishing. The fees must be
34 used to cover the costs incurred by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and
35 the Department of Marine Resources for activities associated with the saltwater
36 recreational fishing registry. It directs the Commissioner of Marine Resources to report
37 the fee structures and recommendations, as well as the measures to be taken by the
38 departments to educate the public regarding the registry and the costs of those measures,
39 to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources by January 5, 2010. The
40 committee has authority to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th
41 Legislature regarding matters contained in the report.

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9. It provides that the provision creating the saltwater recreational fishing registry does not take effect unless the Commissioner of Marine Resources determines that sufficient funding from any source, public or private, and including the proposed fees, exists to cover the costs of developing, maintaining and enforcing the registry and educating the public about the registry.

10. It strikes the appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

SPONSORED BY: 

(Senator TRAHAN)

COUNTY: Lincoln



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1432

LR 1889(08)

An Act To Create a Saltwater Recreational Fishing Registry

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Trahan of Lincoln

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$29,100)	(\$40,160)	(\$311,135)	(\$289,863)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$29,100)	(\$40,160)	(\$311,135)	(\$289,863)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment provides that enactment of the saltwater recreational fishing registry is not effective until the Department of Marine Resources receives sufficient funding from federal and/or other sources to cover the anticipated costs. Therefore, the appropriations have been removed from the bill. Other Special Revenue Funds revenue may increase from fees to be imposed on operators of commercial smelt fishing shacks, operators of vessels who possess a guide license for tidewater fishing and operators of vessels who are licensed to carry passengers for hire for recreational saltwater fishing. In addition, the legislation states that the Department of Marine Resources shall work with Maine's Congressional Delegation to secure federal funding to cover the costs of the saltwater recreational fishing registry.

Additional costs to the Departments of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Marine Resources associated with developing a proposal to establish the fee structure noted above, and to cover the costs associated with the saltwater recreational fishing registry, can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.