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Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Adopt Rules Clarifying Fish Stocking Decisions

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 8, 2009. Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Presented by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson.

Sec. 1. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules clarifying fish stocking decisions in public waters. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall adopt major substantive rules, as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, clarifying fish stocking decisions in public waters. The rules must include a definition for "reasonable public access." This definition must include an assessment of the availability of publicly owned access points, the availability and suitability of privately owned, publicly accessible points, the resources contributed and responsibilities undertaken by local residents and associations, the threat of invasive species and the reasonableness and effectiveness of citizen-initiated programs to prevent the spread of invasive species, including the availability of boat-washing systems at launch ramps, on-site volunteer monitoring efforts and supervised gate systems.

12 SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt major substantive rules clarifying fish stocking decisions in public waters.