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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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124TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 615, L.D. 1650, Bill, "An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of Fish and Wildlife Laws"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §12001, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 46, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Open night hunting season. Notwithstanding the night hunting prohibitions in section 11206-A, there is an open season for hunting coyotes at night in all counties of the State from December 16th to ~~June 1st~~ August 3 1st.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §12051, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

1. Open training season. Unless otherwise provided in this Part, a person may not train dogs on wild birds and wild animals except as follows.

A. A person may train dogs on foxes, rabbits and raccoons from July 1st through the following March 31st, including Sundays.

B. A person may train sporting dogs on wild birds at any time, including Sundays.

C. A resident may train up to ~~4~~ 6 dogs at any one time on bear from ~~August~~ July 1st to the first day of the open season on hunting bear, except in those portions of Washington County and Hancock County that are situated south of Route 9.

A person may not engage in activities authorized under this subsection unless that person possesses a valid hunting license issued under section 11109.

A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime.

Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §12457, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2005, c. 477, §15, is further amended to read:

A. The area within 150 feet of any operational fishway, except:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

- 1 (1) At the following places, the fishway and the area within 75 feet of any part of
2 the fishway are closed to fishing at all times:
- 3 (a) Grand Falls Powerhouse Dam on the St. Croix River in Baileyville; and
4 (b) Woodland Dam on the St. Croix River in Baileyville;
- 5 (2) At the following places, the area within the fishway and within 75 feet of the
6 downstream mouth of the fishway is closed to fishing at all times:
- 7 (a) East Grand Lake Dam in Forest City Township, T9 R4 NBPP, except
8 that fishing upstream from the dam at the top of the fishway is lawful;
- 9 (2-A) At the following places, the area within 75 feet of the mouth of the
10 fishway is closed to fishing at all times:
- 11 (a) Spednic Lake Dam in Vanceboro;
- 12 (3) At the so-called ice control dam on the Narraguagus River in the Town of
13 Cherryfield, the area within 100 feet of the dam must be closed to fishing at all
14 times;
- 15 (4) At East Outlet Dam in Sapling Township, T1R7, in Somerset County and in
16 Big Moose Township, T2R6, in Piscataquis County at the outlet of Moosehead
17 Lake, the fishway and the area within 50 feet of any part of the fishway must be
18 closed to fishing at all times; and
- 19 (5) There is no fishing in or from the fishway at the Sheepscot Lake Dam in the
20 Town of Palermo in Waldo County, Chain of Ponds Dam in Chain of Ponds
21 Township in Franklin County or Long Pond Dam in Seven Ponds Township in
22 Franklin County;

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SUMMARY

24 This amendment changes the current night hunting season on coyotes, which runs
25 from December 16th to June 1st, to December 16th to August 31st. It also makes
26 permanent a temporary provision of law that allows a person to train up to 6 dogs at a
27 time on bear, expands the time such trainings can occur by one month and requires a
28 person training dogs on wildlife to have a valid hunting license. The amendment also
29 prohibits fishing from the fishways at the Chain of Ponds Dam in Chain of Ponds
30 Township in Franklin County and Long Pond Dam in Seven Ponds Township in Franklin
31 County.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of Fish and Wildlife Laws

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

No net fiscal impact

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases and decreases Class E crimes.

No net impact on General Fund fine revenue.