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MARINE RESOURCES

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

124TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 657, L.D. 1724, Bill, "An Act To Create a Commercial Pelagic and Anadromous Fishing License and Establish the Pelagic and Anadromous Fisheries Fund"

Amend the bill in section 2 in §6502-A in subsection 3 by striking out all of the last sentence (page 1, lines 29 to 31 in L.D.) and inserting the following: 'The commissioner shall determine by rule what crew members may fish under a commercial pelagic and anadromous fishing license that provides for crew members. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §6502-A in subsection 4 in the first line (page 1, line 32 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "1" and inserting the following: '2'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §6502-A in subsection 6 in paragraph A in the first line (page 2, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Forty-one" and inserting the following: 'Forty-eight'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §6502-A in subsection 6 in paragraph B in the first line (page 2, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "One hundred eleven" and inserting the following: 'One hundred twenty-eight'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §6502-A in subsection 6 in paragraph C in the first line (page 2, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Seven hundred and fifty" and inserting the following: 'Five hundred'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §6502-A in subsection 7 in paragraph A in the 2nd line (page 2, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$150" and inserting the following: '\$50'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §6502-A in subsection 7 in paragraph B in the 2nd line (page 2, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$100" and inserting the following: '\$200'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §6502-A in subsection 7 in paragraph C in the 2nd line (page 2, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$100" and inserting the following: '\$400'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Resource Management 0027

Initiative: Establishes the Pelagic and Anadromous Fisheries Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$0	\$38,800
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$38,800

SUMMARY

This amendment authorizes the Commissioner of Marine Resources to determine by rule what crew members may fish under a commercial pelagic and anadromous fishing license that provides for crew members. It also amends the fees for a commercial pelagic and anadromous fishing license to reflect fee changes in other commercial finfish fishing licenses made last year. The amendment reduces the surcharge on a commercial pelagic and anadromous fishing license for resident operators without crew members from \$150 to \$50 and increases the amount for residents with crew members from \$100 to \$200 and for nonresidents with crew members from \$100 to \$400. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

**124th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1724****LR 2222(02)****An Act To Create a Commercial Pelagic and Anadromous Fishing License and Establish the Pelagic and Anadromous Fisheries Fund****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"****Committee: Marine Resources****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$38,800	\$77,600	\$77,600
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$38,800	\$77,600	\$77,600

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new civil violations.

The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation creates the Pelagic and Anadromous Fisheries Fund which is funded through surcharges on the newly created commercial pelagic and anadromous fishing license. These surcharges are expected to increase Other Special Revenue Funds to the Department of Marine Resources by \$38,800 in fiscal year 2010-11. The bill includes an allocation to the Department of Marine Resources of \$38,800 in fiscal year 2010-11 and \$77,600 annually thereafter.

Anyone purchasing this new license would already be purchasing the existing commercial fishing license and this new license would replace the existing one for those individuals. The resident operator and resident operator and all crew members license fee under this new license is the same as the existing commercial fishing license. The non-resident operator and all crew members license fee is slightly higher than the existing commercial license fee, resulting in a minor increase in General Fund revenues not requiring any change to budgeted amounts.