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In Senate, January 11, 2011

An Act Implementing a Fisheries Permit Banking Program

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

Joseph G. Carleton Jr.
JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RECTOR of Knox.

Cosponsored by Representative KRUGER of Thomaston and

Senators: COLLINS of York, HOBBINS of York, TRAHAN of Lincoln, Representatives:

MacDONALD of Boothbay, McKANE of Newcastle, RICHARDSON of Warren, STRANG

BURGESS of Cumberland, TILTON of Harrington.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6022, sub-§17 is enacted to read:
3	17. Permit banking program. The commissioner may administer a permit banking
4	program in which the department holds federal limited access fishing permits and
5	distributes the rights associated with those permits to eligible residents of the State with
6	the goal of restoring and preserving access to federally managed fisheries. The
7	commissioner may lease fisheries allocations, as required, to fund the costs associated
8	with the permit banking program.
9	SUMMARY
10	The purpose of this bill is to administer a permit banking program for the groundfish
11	industry for which the State has received a federal appropriation. This bill allows the
12	Department of Marine Resources to lease to industry members fisheries allocations from
13	the permits owned by the State to fund the permit banking program.