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House of Representatives, January 24, 2013

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
To Study Issues Related to Bear Hunting and Management**

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative WOOD of Sabattus.
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, GIFFORD of Lincoln, JOHNSON of Eddington, SHAW
of Standish, THERIAULT of Madawaska.

1 **Sec. 1. Study. Resolved:** That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
2 shall study issues relating to bear hunting and the management of the bear population in
3 the State. The study must analyze the advantages and disadvantages of holding a spring
4 bear hunting season and other methods of managing the bear population in the State. As
5 part of its study, the department shall seek input from persons interested in the
6 management of the bear population and issues related to bear hunting. The department
7 shall report the results of the study, including any legislation necessary to implement its
8 recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by
9 January 15, 2014. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Second
10 Regular Session of the 126th Legislature to implement its recommendations related to the
11 report.

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SUMMARY

13 This resolve requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to study issues
14 related to bear hunting and the management of the bear population in the State and report
15 the results of its study to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
16 by January 15, 2014. The committee is authorized to report out a bill to implement its
17 recommendations related to the report.