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House of Representatives, February 28, 2013

**An Act To Develop Principles To Guide Fisheries Management
Decisions**

Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle.
Cosponsored by Senator JOHNSON of Lincoln.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to establish a means of determining the long-term goal of fisheries
6 management in the State, including developing a method of outcome testing proposed
7 legislation and rules. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
8 over marine resources matters would use the outcome testing to evaluate the effect of the
9 proposed legislation or rules on fisheries management and include the Department of
10 Marine Resources advisory committees and lobster management policy councils in the
11 decision-making process.

12 The bill would require the periodic review of the fisheries management laws and
13 goals in order to ensure that they remain pertinent and applicable.