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House of Representatives, February 26, 2015

Resolve, To Study the Need for a Standard Formula for the Horsepower of Motors Used on the Lakes and Ponds of the State

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

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Lisbon. Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, GREENWOOD of Wales, LONG of Sherman, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, WOOD of Sabattus.

1 Sec. 1. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to create working 2 group to study horsepower of watercraft motors on lakes and ponds. 3 **Resolved:** That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall create a working 4 group of interested parties to study the horsepower of watercraft motors used on lakes and ponds in the State pursuant to the department's authority under the Maine Revised 5 Statutes, Title 12, section 13051, subsection 5 to determine the need for a standard 6 7 formula for determining maximum horsepower based upon the activity the watercraft are 8 engaged in, the size of the lake or pond, interference with other users and uses of the lake or pond not requiring a watercraft motor and other related factors. The working group 9 must include owners of property on lakes and ponds, persons representing fishing 10 interests and users of lakes and ponds who use motorized watercraft and users who do not 11 use motorized watercraft: and be it further 12

13 Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, by December 2, 2015, the Department of Inland 14 Fisheries and Wildlife shall submit a report and any recommended legislation from the 15 working group under section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and 16 Wildlife. The Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may report out 17 legislation based upon the report to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

## SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to create a working group to study and recommend legislation regarding the need for a standard formula for determining maximum horsepower for motorized watercraft on lakes and ponds in the State. The department is directed to submit the report and any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by December 2, 2015.

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