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**Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Needs,
Opportunities and Efficiency Associated with the Production of
Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BLACK of Wilton.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and
Representatives: HILLIARD of Belgrade, HOBART of Bowdoinham, MAREAN of Hollis,
WOOD of Sabattus, Senator: BURNS of Washington.

1 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission To Study
2 the Needs, Opportunities and Efficiency Associated with the Production of Salmonid
3 Sport Fish in Maine, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established; and be
4 it further

5 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of
6 the following 10 members:

7 1. Two members of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife,
8 one member appointed by the President of the Senate and one member appointed by the
9 Speaker of the House;

10 2. Two licensed anglers, one member appointed by the President of the Senate and
11 one member appointed by the Speaker of the House;

12 3. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the commissioner's
13 designee;

14 4. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's superintendent of fish culture,
15 appointed by the Governor, or the superintendent's designee;

16 5. One member of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council, appointed by
17 the Governor;

18 6. One member representing a fish and game club, appointed by the Governor;

19 7. One member who owns and operates a private aquaculture facility in the State,
20 appointed by the Governor; and

21 8. One member of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, nominated by the executive
22 director of that organization and appointed by the Governor; and be it further

23 **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all appointments must be
24 made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing
25 authorities must notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon making
26 their appointments. When the appointment of all members is complete, the chair of the
27 Legislative Council shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission no later
28 than October 15, 2015. The commission shall select a chair from among its legislative
29 members; and be it further

30 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study, assess and evaluate
31 salmonid fish culture facilities in the State and associated production and distribution
32 capabilities, opportunities and needs. In carrying out this study, the commission shall:

33 1. Examine the costs of production, the numbers and species of fish stocked and the
34 return on stocked fish, both in this State and other states;

35 2. Conduct a survey of licensed anglers in the State, using contact lists at the
36 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, to assess the anglers' interest in and
37 satisfaction with fish stocked by the State; and

1 3. Make recommendations designed to provide for the production and distribution of
2 fish sufficient to meet current and future demand in the most cost-effective manner; and
3 be it further

4 **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the commission shall request staffing
5 assistance from the Legislative Council; and be it further

6 **Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That the members of the commission are
7 entitled to reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses upon application to the
8 Legislative Council. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer
9 the commission's budget; and be it further

10 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit a report, together
11 with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland
12 Fisheries and Wildlife no later than January 15, 2016.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This resolve creates the Commission To Study the Needs, Opportunities and
15 Efficiency Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine. The
16 commission is required to submit its report and any accompanying legislation to the Joint
17 Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 15, 2016.