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House of Representatives, January 31, 2017

Resolve, Prohibiting the Commissioner of Marine Resources from Adopting or Enforcing Certain Rules Limiting the Quantity of Smelts a Person May Take from the Coastal Waters of the State until after Completion of a Study

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HANLEY of Pittston.

Cosponsored by Representatives: PICKETT of Dixfield, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, WHITE of Washburn, Senator: VOLK of Cumberland.

1 **Sec. 1. Rules limiting taking of smelts from coastal waters prohibited;**
2 **study. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Marine Resources may not adopt or
3 enforce rules that limit the quantity of smelts a person may take from the coastal waters
4 of the State before a study of the smelt population in the State's coastal waters is
5 conducted by the Department of Marine Resources and presented to the joint standing
6 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This resolve prohibits the Commissioner of Marine Resources from adopting or
9 enforcing a limit on the quantity of smelts a person may take from the coastal waters
10 before the Department of Marine Resources conducts a study of the smelt population in
11 the State's coastal waters and presents its findings to the joint standing committee of the
12 Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters.