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**Resolve, To Create the Commission To Study the Needs,
Opportunities and Efficiencies 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 GOLDEN of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representative: HICKMAN of Winthrop.

1 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission To Study
2 the Needs, Opportunities and Efficiencies 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 11 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 Superintendent of Hatcheries within the Department of Inland Fisheries and
13 Wildlife or the superintendent's designee;

14 4. One fisheries biologist within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife,
15 appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;

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

18 6. One member representing a fish and game organization, appointed by the
19 Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;

20 7. One member of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, nominated by the executive
21 director of that organization and appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and
22 Wildlife;

23 8. One member of the Maine Professional Guides Association, nominated by the
24 executive director of that organization and appointed by the Commissioner of Inland
25 Fisheries and Wildlife; and

26 9. One representative of the Maine aquaculture industry, nominated by the Maine
27 Aquaculture Association and appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and
28 Wildlife; and be it further

29 **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all appointments must be
30 made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing
31 authorities must notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon making
32 their appointments. When the appointment of all members is complete, the chair of the
33 Legislative Council shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission no later
34 than October 16, 2017. The commission shall select a chair from among its legislative
35 members; and be it further

36 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study, assess and evaluate
37 salmonid fish culture facilities in the State and the associated production and distribution

1 capabilities, opportunities, needs and contributions to the economy of the State. In
2 carrying out this study, the commission shall develop recommendations regarding the
3 production of salmonid sport fish in the State; and be it further

4 **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide
5 necessary staffing services to the commission; 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 with its
11 recommendations, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint
12 Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than January 30, 2018; and
13 be it further

14 **Sec. 8. Prohibition. Resolved:** That the Department of Inland Fisheries and
15 Wildlife may not make an expenditure of over \$150,000 to repair or upgrade its salmonid
16 fish hatcheries until the report under section 7 is received and its recommendations acted
17 upon.

18 SUMMARY

19 This resolve creates the Commission To Study the Needs, Opportunities and
20 Efficiencies Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine. The
21 commission is required to submit its report and any accompanying legislation to the Joint
22 Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 30, 2018. The
23 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is prohibited from making any expenditure
24 of over \$150,000 to repair or upgrade its salmonid fish hatcheries until the report is
25 received and its recommendations acted upon.