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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 650, L.D. 922, Bill, "An Act Directing the Commissioner of Marine Resources To Investigate the Conditions of Sheepscot Pond Related to a Management Plan for Anadromous Fish Species"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Directing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Open Sheepscot Pond to Anadromous Fish Passage Beginning in 2020'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 10 in the first line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "The" and inserting the following: 'Beginning April 15, 2020, the'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 3. Report. No later than January 15, 2020, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall provide to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife and marine resources matters a report detailing how the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, with the cooperation of the Department of Marine Resources, as necessary, will address the following issues related to opening the fishway on the Sheepscot River located at the outlet of Sheepscot Pond from April 15th to June 30th annually to allow the passage of anadromous fish: managing any biosecurity concerns at the Palermo Rearing Station on Sheepscot Pond; allowing lamprey eels to exit Sheepscot Pond; and managing the migration of alewives out of Sheepscot Pond. Each joint standing committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature based upon the report.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, removes the provisions of the bill that direct the Commissioner of Marine Resources to develop a management plan for anadromous fish in Sheepscot Pond and that direct the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to cooperate in that effort. The amendment delays until 2020 the requirement in the bill that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife open and keep operational the fishway at the outlet of Sheepscot Pond from April 15th to June 30th annually to allow the passage of anadromous fish. The amendment also requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to provide, no later than January 15, 2020, a report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife and marine resources matters detailing how the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, with the cooperation of the Department of Marine Resources, as necessary, will address concerns related to opening the fishway regarding managing any biosecurity concerns at the Palermo Rearing Station on Sheepscot Pond, allowing lamprey eels to exit Sheepscot Pond and managing the migration of alewives out of Sheepscot Pond. The amendment allows each joint standing committee to report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 922

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A^m(H-631)*

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Marine Resources or Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as a result of the changes to opening and closing dates of the fishway on Sheepscot Pond or cooperation between the two departments in addressing concerns related to the fishway management and biosecurity concerns at the Palermo Rearing Station on Sheepscot Pond are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.