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House of Representatives, December 6, 2017

**An Act To Prohibit the Entry of Anadromous Fish Species into
Sheepscot Pond for 3 Years and To Study the Consequences of the
Presence of Anadromous Fish in Sheepscot Pond**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 4, 2017. Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville. (BY REQUEST)

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12760, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

3 **10. Sheepscot Pond fish passage.** The commissioner shall prohibit the passage of
4 anadromous fish into Sheepscot Pond in the Town of Palermo through June 30, 2021. The
5 commissioner, with the assistance, if necessary, of the Commissioner of Marine
6 Resources and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, shall study the
7 consequences of the presence of anadromous fish in Sheepscot Pond, including any
8 changes resulting from the exclusion of anadromous fish from Sheepscot Pond. The
9 commissioner shall report the yearly findings of the study to the joint standing committee
10 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters by
11 January 15th of each year until 2022; the commissioner shall report the cumulative
12 effects of the exclusion of anadromous fish from Sheepscot Pond to the committee by
13 January 15, 2022.

14 This subsection is repealed January 15, 2022.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to prohibit the
17 entry of anadromous fish into Sheepscot Pond in the Town of Palermo through June 30,
18 2021. The bill also requires the commissioner, with the assistance of the Commissioner
19 of Marine Resources and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, to study the
20 consequences of the presence of anadromous fish species in Sheepscot Pond, including
21 any changes resulting from the prohibition through June 30, 2021, and to report the yearly
22 findings of that study to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
23 jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters by January 15th annually through
24 2022; a report of the cumulative effects of the prohibition is due by January 15, 2022.