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L.D. 1514 Date: $5/\eta/19$ (Filing No. H-22/) MARINE RESOURCES Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House. STATE OF MAINE 5 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 6 7 129TH LEGISLATURE 8 FIRST REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1107, L.D. 1514, Bill, "An Act To 9 10 Improve Enforcement in the Elver Fishery" 11 Amend the bill by inserting after section 7 the following: 12 'Sec. 8. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and 13 allocations are made. MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF 14 15 Bureau of Marine Science 0027 16 Initiative: Provides allocations to research and manage the State's eel and elver resources, 17 to enforce the laws related to eels and elvers and to cover the costs associated with 18 determining eligibility for elver fishing licenses. 19 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS 2019-20 2020-21 All Other 20 \$30,000 \$30,000 21 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$30,000 \$30,000 22 23 **SUMMARY** 24 25 This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section. FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED 26 (See attached) 27

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An Act To Improve Enforcement in the Elver Fishery

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A'' (H-221)

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Appropriations/Allocations Other Special Revenue Funds	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Revenue Other Special Revenue Funds	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill makes changes to rules related to the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) enforcement authority over the elvers fishery by clarifying requirements related to use of the swipe card system, the seizure of illegal elvers, use of the libel system after seizure and the penalties for failing to comply with DMR regulations. The bill also allows the DMR to require inspections of elvers prior to export out of the State and to charge a fee of \$500 per inspection. The DMR estimates that there are approximately 60 export events per season and that the inspections will start in fiscal year 2019-20. The export inspections will generate \$30,000 in Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the Eel and Elver Management Fund. The bill includes annual allocations of \$30,000 beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 to allow expenditure of the additional revenue collected.