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L.D. 1729
(Filing No. H-457)

MARINE RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1231, L.D. 1729, Bill, "An Act To Create a Carrier License for Pelagic and Anadromous Fish"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6041, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 527, §1, is amended to read:

2. Sources of revenue. The fund is capitalized by surcharges assessed under section 6502-A, subsection 7 and fees collected pursuant to section 6502-B, subsection 4. In addition to those revenues, the commissioner may accept and deposit in the fund money from any other source, public or private.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §6502-B by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 6 to 8 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

2. Licensed activity. If rules adopted pursuant to subsection 5 allow vessels to possess or transport fish, the holder of a carrier license may possess or transport on the vessel listed on the carrier license Atlantic herring or Atlantic menhaden that the holder has not taken.

Amend the bill by adding after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. **Effective date.** This Act takes effect on January 1, 2020.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment specifies that fees collected for a carrier license are a source of revenue for the Pelagic and Anadromous Fisheries Fund. It specifies that Atlantic herring and Atlantic menhaden are the only species that a person may possess or transport under

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a carrier license without having taken the fish. Lastly, it makes the legislation effective January 1, 2020.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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LR 2331(02)

An Act To Create a Carrier License for Pelagic and Anadromous Fish

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

A (H-457)

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time.

The collection of additional fine revenue will increase General Fund and dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill creates a new carrier license, effective January 1, 2020, which allows the possession or transport of Atlantic herring and Atlantic menhaden which was not caught by the holder of the license. The bill sets a fee of \$98 for the license and directs that revenue from the license fee be deposited into the Pelagic and Anadromous Fisheries Fund. Due to the unique nature of the fishery and limited species, the Department of Marine Resources anticipates a minor Other Special Revenue Funds increase from the licenses.