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Date: 4/5/24 Majority L.D. 1349
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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 863, L.D. 1349, "An Act to Review State Lands and Waterways That Have Sacred, Traditional or Other Significance to the Wabanaki People"

Amend the bill in section 2 in §1809 in subsection 2 by adding at the end a new blocked paragraph:

'Each member serves for a term of 3 years or until the member's successor has been appointed.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §1809 by striking out all of subsection 6 (page 2, lines 10 to 15 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'6. Report. Beginning in 2025, the commission shall submit a report no later than November 15th of each year to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over conservation matters, inland fisheries and wildlife matters, marine resources matters and judiciary matters. The joint standing committees may report out legislation related to the report of the commission.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. Staggered terms. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 1809, subsection 2, for the initial terms of the members of the Commission to Review State-owned Lands and Waterways, the members appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Commissioner of Marine Resources and chair of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission serve for one year, the members appointed by the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Penobscot Nation, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and Mi'kmaq Nation serve for 2 years and the members of the public serve for 3 years.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF
DACF Administration 0401**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Initiative: Provides funding for the technology management costs related to one Senior
 2 Planner position.

3	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
4	All Other	\$0	\$3,292
5			
6	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,292</u>

8	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
9	All Other	\$0	\$586
10			
11	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$586</u>

12 **Parks - General Operations Z221**

13 Initiative: Provides funding for one Senior Planner position and associated costs.

14	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
15	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
16	Personal Services	\$0	\$105,302
17	All Other	\$0	\$7,910
18			
19	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$113,212</u>

21 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND**
 22 **FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**
 23 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

23		2023-24	2024-25
24			
25	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$116,504
26	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$586
27			
28	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$117,090</u>

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

32 **SUMMARY**

33 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, provides that, except
 34 for initial appointees, each member of the Commission to Review State-owned Lands and
 35 Waterways serves for a term of 3 years or until the member's successor has been appointed.
 36 Initially, 4 members serve for one year, 4 members serve for 2 years and 3 members serve
 37 for 3 years. The amendment requires the commission to submit a report beginning in 2025
 38 rather than 2024 as proposed in the bill. The amendment requires the commission to submit
 39 a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary
 40 matters in addition to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction

1 over conservation matters, inland fisheries and wildlife matters and marine resources
2 matters as proposed in the bill.

3 The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

4 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

5 (See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1349

LR 2324(02)

An Act to Review State Lands and Waterways That Have Sacred, Traditional or Other Significance to the Wabanaki People

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

A (H-928)

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$116,504	\$121,769	\$127,297
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$116,504	\$121,769	\$127,297
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$586	\$586	\$586

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has indicated that its current staffing capacity is not sufficient to provide staffing services to the commission. This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$116,504 starting in fiscal year 2024-25 for one Senior Planner position and associated costs. The bill also includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$586 starting in fiscal year 2024-25 for technology management costs related to the position.

This fiscal note does not attempt to quantify or describe the costs or value of any land or resource transfers that may occur in the future as a result of the report required in this bill. Those costs will be reflected in whatever legislation may arise in the future from the recommendations made by the commission.