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No. 1919

S.P. 781

In Senate, May 11, 2023

An Act to Designate a State Wildlife Sanctuary at Blue Hill Falls

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant".

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12706, sub-§1, ¶C-1** is enacted to read:

3 C-1. Blue Hill Falls Sanctuary: The following described territory situated in the Town
4 of Blue Hill in the County of Hancock: The area enclosed by a boundary line drawn as
5 follows: Beginning at Stills Point at the easterly end of Blue Hill Neck, extending to
6 the north in an arc to the easternmost point of the island called The Nub, thence follow
7 along the high tide mark in a generally south direction parallel to the Blue Hill Falls
8 Road, thence on meeting Blue Hill Falls follow the shore of Salt Pond west until, by
9 heading due east, one would connect with the end of Birchlea Road on Blue Hill Neck
10 across Salt Pond and follow the eastern shore of Salt Pond north past the opposite side
11 of Blue Hill Falls, continuing along Blue Hill Harbor to Stills Point, the point of
12 beginning;

13 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12707, sub-§2, ¶I** is enacted to read:

14 I. Subsection 1-A applies to Blue Hill Falls Sanctuary from the 15th day of October of
15 each year to the first day of April following. From April 2nd until October 14th of
16 each year, hunting wild animals and wild birds is permitted. From the 15th day of
17 October of each year to the first day of April following, a person may not lure or attempt
18 to lure common eider out of Blue Hill Falls Sanctuary. From the 15th day of October
19 of each year to the first day of April following, a person may not engage in sustained
20 recreational or commercial activity in Blue Hill Falls Sanctuary. For purposes of this
21 paragraph, "sustained recreational or commercial activity" means activity lasting more
22 than 30 minutes on more than one day from the 15th day of October of each year to the
23 first day of April following. From April 2nd until October 14th of each year, no more
24 than a total of 20 wild animals and wild birds per day may be taken from the Blue Hill
25 Falls Sanctuary. From April 2nd until October 14th of each year, a person may not
26 take wild animals or wild birds from the Blue Hill Falls Sanctuary on more than one
27 day in a calendar week.

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill designates a state wildlife sanctuary at Blue Hill Falls in Hancock County and
30 places restrictions on certain activities in the wildlife sanctuary.