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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-sixth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Department	1953-54	1954-55
To Trust and Agency Funds:		
Employees' Retirement System—Pension	\$ 210,867	\$ 208,600
Employees' Retirement System—Expense	4,000	4,100
To Working Capital Funds:		
Purchase and Installation of Equipment and		
Materials for Production Registration Plates	60,000	—
Total Legislative Allocations	\$22,996,204	\$23,327,043

Sec. 2. Flood damage. There is further apportioned the sum of \$250,000 to be immediately available for the purpose of aiding in repairing the damage caused to town ways by the floods that occurred during the last week of March, 1953. The towns and the state shall share equally in the cost of the repair, and the money shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the state highway commission.

Sec. 3. Reduction in revenue. In the event that actual revenue receipts are less than the estimated revenue projected for either year of the biennium ending June 30, 1955, the state highway commission, with the approval of the governor and council, shall reduce the funds herein allocated for new construction of highways, except those highways which may be determined by the state highway commission and the governor and council to be vital for national security purposes. The reduction in allocations to be such as to offset, as nearly as possible, the reduction in revenue.

Sec. 4. Allocation of the unappropriated general highway fund surplus. The unappropriated general highway fund surplus, with the approval of the governor and council, may be apportioned by the state highway commission for any of the purposes set forth in section 1 hereof.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Effective May 7, 1953

Chapter 160

AN ACT to make Allocations from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game Receipts for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1954, and June 30, 1955.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves passed by the legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the said 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year ; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of the department of inland fisheries and game will become due and payable on or immediately after July 1, 1953 ; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety ; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Allocation of department of inland fisheries and game receipts. Receipts to the department of inland fisheries and game available by law for departmental purposes for the next two fiscal years—from July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954 and from July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955—shall be segregated, apportioned, and expended as designated in the following schedules :

Summary	1953-54	1954-55
Estimated Balance Forward	\$ 280,000	\$ 151,270
Federal Grants	109,094	109,094
Other Departmental Revenue	1,366,327	1,366,327
Total Estimated Available	\$1,755,421	\$1,626,691
Less-Allocations	1,604,151	1,495,431
Balance Carried	\$ 151,270	\$ 131,260
Allocations for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1954.		
Departmental Operations		\$1,316,294
Contributions and Transfers (Retirement)		56,357
Reserve for Contingencies		20,000
Fish Rearing Facilities in Aroostook County		
Birch River site		165,000
Littleton		46,500
Total Allocations Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1954		\$1,604,151
Allocations for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1955.		
Departmental Operations		\$1,320,074
Contributions and Transfers (Retirement)		55,357
Reserve for Contingencies		20,000
Fish Rearing Facilities in Cumberland County		100,000
Total Allocations Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1955		\$1,495,431

Amounting to \$1,604,151 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954 and \$1,495,431 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955.

Sec. 2. Reduction in revenue. In the event that actual revenue receipts are less than the estimated revenues projected for either year of the biennium ending June 30, 1955, the commissioner of the department of inland fisheries and game, with the approval of the governor and council, shall reduce the funds herein allocated for hatchery or rearing station construction, these reductions to offset, as nearly as possible, the reduction in revenue. If, however, due to emergencies unforeseen at this time, loss in revenue receipts exceed the amount allocated for hatcheries or rearing station construction, the commissioner of the department of inland fisheries and game, with the advice and consent of the governor and council, may re-allocate any unencumbered funds still remaining to the credit of the department of inland fisheries and game, or should these amounts be insufficient, reduce expenditures in such a manner as will best serve the efficient operation of this department.

Sec. 3. Revenue in excess of estimates. In the event that actual revenue receipts are in excess of the estimated revenues projected for either year of the biennium ending June 30, 1955, this excess shall be set aside and its use shall be determined on the recommendation of the commissioner which shall be approved by the governor and council for the then needs of the department.

Sec. 4. Unencumbered allocated balances. At the end of each year of the biennium all unencumbered allocated balances representing inland fisheries and game monies shall be set aside and its use shall be determined on the recommendation of the commissioner which shall be approved by the governor and council for the then needs of the department.

Sec. 5. Contingent account. The reserve for contingencies, as herein established, shall be available for expenditures at the discretion of the commissioner of the department of inland fisheries and game for departmental purposes.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.