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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 3, 2008 to June 13, 2009**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2009**

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION			
DEPARTMENT	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
<b>TOTALS</b>			
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND ARRA	\$10,000	\$22,718,500	\$4,576,500
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND ARRA	\$0	\$9,035,775	\$557,725
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$31,754,275</b>	<b>\$5,134,225</b>

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 15, 2009.

**CHAPTER 47**

**H.P. 482 - L.D. 699**

**Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Conduct an Evaluation of Its Sport Fishing Program**

**Sec. 1. Evaluation of sport fishing program. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall evaluate the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's sport fishing program to identify progress the department has made in 2009 toward the objectives set forth in this resolve. In addition, the commissioner shall identify capacity needed for and constraints to achieving the following objectives:

1. Expanding participation in fishing in the State;
2. Improving the State's recreational fishing economy;
3. Improving customer service to anglers;
4. Increasing fishing opportunities;
5. Securing appropriate access to inland waters;
6. Continuing to simplify fishing rules where possible;
7. Increasing populations of large fish with public support;
8. Protecting and enhancing native and wild fisheries; and

9. Enhancing and protecting the quality of existing fishing experiences; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report the commissioner's findings and recommendations based on the evaluation in section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 31, 2010. The report must include, but is not limited to:

1. Fishing license sales data for 2009;
2. A link to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's fish stocking data on its website;
3. A list of new water access sites created in 2009; and
4. References to any other relevant department reports issued in 2009.

The Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature based on the report.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 48**

**H.P. 202 - L.D. 256**

**Resolve, To Direct the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Explore Opportunities and Issues Surrounding Wild Turkey Hunting**

**Sec. 1. Study opportunities and issues regarding wild turkeys. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall work with interested parties to explore the opportunities and issues surrounding the wild turkey hunt in the State and the problem of nuisance wild turkeys in farming areas, including, but not limited to, electronic tagging or registration, telephone registration and expanded hunting opportunities to reduce the agricultural damage caused by wild turkeys; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report the findings and recommendations based on the study in section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 5, 2010. The Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature regarding matters presented in that report.

See title page for effective date.