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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE**

LD 1614 PART 2 BUDGET BILL

FY 04 - 05

THIS FILE CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING:

**Departmental Impact Forms
Testimony
Committee Recommendations**

**2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill
Departmental Impact Form
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Department/Agency Name: Atlantic Salmon Commission

Program Name: Atlantic Salmon Commission

Account Number(s): 010-94V-0265-01 Page # in Bill: _____

FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| <u>General Fund</u> | (0.500) | (0.500) |
| <u>Federal Funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other Special Revenue funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other (please specify)</u> | | |

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| <u>General Fund</u> | (7,646) | (9,649) |
| <u>Federal Funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other Special Revenue funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other (please specify)</u> | | |

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| <u>General Fund</u> | | |
| <u>Federal Funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other Special Revenue funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other (please specify)</u> | | |

Description of Initiative:

Provides for the elimination of one vacant Public Service Coordinator position and the restoration of one Public Service Executive I position from Permanent Part-time to Full time.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

Eliminates a vacant position and restores the Executive Director position back to full-time. Net savings to the general fund for this action listed above. That savings is utilized in the next initiative.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) _____ (No) X
(Please explain below)

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Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

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Program Name: Atlantic Salmon Commission

Account Number(s): 010-94V-0265-01 **Page # in Bill:** _____

FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| <u>General Fund</u> | 0.500 | 0.500 |
| <u>Federal Funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other Special Revenue funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other (please specify)</u> | | |

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| <u>General Fund</u> | 7,646 | 9,649 |
| <u>Federal Funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other Special Revenue funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other (please specify)</u> | | |

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

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|------------------------------------|--|--|
| <u>General Fund</u> | | |
| <u>Federal Funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other Special Revenue funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other (please specify)</u> | | |

Description of Initiative:

Provides for one Permanent Part Time Public Service Executive I position through Personal Services savings and a reduction in grant funds.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

This action will reduce the amount of funds available to local groups that work on Atlantic Salmon issues.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) _____ (No) **X**
(Please explain below)

2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill
Departmental Impact Form
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Department/Agency Name: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Program Name: Licensing Services

Account Number(s): 010-09A-0531-01

Page # in Bill: _____

FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| <u>General Fund</u> | | |
| <u>Federal Funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other Special Revenue funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other (please specify)</u> | | |

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| <u>General Fund</u> | 0 | 0 |
| <u>Federal Funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other Special Revenue funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other (please specify)</u> | | |

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| <u>General Fund</u> | | |
| <u>Federal Funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other Special Revenue funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other (please specify)</u> | | |

Description of Initiative:

Provides for the self-funding of four Data Entry and two Clerk II positions to Clerk Typist III positions.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

Transferring all other to personal services funds the reclasses.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium?

(Yes) _____ (No) X
(Please explain below)

2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill
Departmental Impact Form
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Department/Agency Name: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Program Name: Administrative Services

Account Number(s): 010-09A-0530-01 Page # in Bill:

FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| <u>General Fund</u> | | |
| <u>Federal Funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other Special Revenue funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other (please specify)</u> | | |

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| <u>General Fund</u> | 0 | 0 |
| <u>Federal Funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other Special Revenue funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other (please specify)</u> | | |

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| <u>General Fund</u> | | |
| <u>Federal Funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other Special Revenue funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other (please specify)</u> | | |

Description of Initiative:

Provides for the self-funding of two Account Clerk positions to Accounting Tech positions and one Payroll Tech to Personnel Assistant.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

Transferring all other to personal services funds the reclasses.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) (No) X
(Please explain below)

2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill
Departmental Impact Form
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Department/Agency Name: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Program Name: Fisheries and Hatcheries

Account Number(s): 010-09A-0535-01

Page # in Bill: _____

FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e. (-0.000)]:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| <u>General Fund</u> | | |
| <u>Federal Funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other Special Revenue funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other (please specify)</u> | | |

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| <u>General Fund</u> | 0 | 0 |
| <u>Federal Funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other Special Revenue funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other (please specify)</u> | | |

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| <u>General Fund</u> | | |
| <u>Federal Funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other Special Revenue funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other (please specify)</u> | | |

Description of Initiative:

Provides for the self-funding of seventeen Fish Culturist positions as part of an overall range change of this classification approved by the Bureau of Human Resources.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

Transferring all other to personal services funds the range changes.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium?

(Yes) _____ (No) X
(Please explain below)

**The following items
do not impact the General Fund
and are not scheduled for the Public Hearing.**

2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill
Departmental Impact Form
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Department/Agency Name: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Program Name: Licensing Services

Account Number(s): 010-09A-0531-01

Page # in Bill: _____

FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| <u>General Fund</u> | | |
| <u>Federal Funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other Special Revenue funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other (please specify)</u> | | |

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| <u>General Fund</u> | | |
| <u>Federal Funds</u> | 0 | 0 |
| <u>Other Special Revenue funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other (please specify)</u> | | |

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| <u>General Fund</u> | | |
| <u>Federal Funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other Special Revenue funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other (please specify)</u> | | |

Description of Initiative:

Provides for the allocation of federal funds to continue one limited period Director of Special Projects to manage and implement the MOSES program. This position has an end date of June 30, 2004.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE SPECIFIC:

This limited period position will manage the implementation of the Department's MOSES Licensing system. Transferring all other to personal services funds the position.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) _____ (No) X
(please explain below)

**2004-2005 "Part 2" Budget Bill
Departmental Impact Form
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Department/Agency Name: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Program Name: Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations

Account Number(s): 010-09A-0535-01 Page # in Bill: _____

FY 2003-04

FY 2004-05

Position or FTE Increase [i.e. (0.000)] / Decrease [i.e.(-0.000)]:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| <u>General Fund</u> | | |
| <u>Federal Funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other Special Revenue funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other (please specify)</u> | | |

Appropriation or Allocation Increase / (Decrease):

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| <u>General Fund</u> | | |
| <u>Federal Funds</u> | (5,704) | (5,913) |
| <u>Other Special Revenue funds</u> | 5,704 | 5,913 |
| <u>Other (please specify)</u> | | |

Revenue or Balance Transfer Increase / (Decrease):

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| <u>General Fund</u> | | |
| <u>Federal Funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other Special Revenue funds</u> | | |
| <u>Other (please specify)</u> | | |

Description of Initiative:

Provides for the transfer of 2 Biologist I positions to dedicated funds and 2 Biology Specialist positions to federal funding within the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program.

Description of Impact on Program(s) – BE-SPECIFIC:

This action corrects an error in the Part I budget by moving positions to their proper accounts.

Does this Initiative have an impact on the 2006-2007 Biennium? (Yes) _____ (No) X
(Please explain below)

TESTIMONY SIGN IN SHEET

COMMITTEE ON Appropriations and Financial Affairs

L.D. # OR CONFIRMATION: _____ LD 1614 Part 2 Budget Bill

DATE: _____ 5-May-03

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Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

| | NAME | TOWN/AFFILIATION | PROPONENT | OPPONENT | NEITHER FOR NOR AGAINST |
|-----|-----------------------|---|-----------|----------|----------------------------|
| 1. | George Lapointe | Commissioner of Marine Resources | | | |
| 2. | Roland "Danny" Martin | Commissioner of Inland, Fisheries & Wildlife | | | |
| 3. | Joan Trial | Acting Director of Atlantic Salmon Commission | | | |
| 4. | Richard Ruhlin | Private Citizen | x | | |
| 5. | Andrew Good | Atlantic Salmon Federation | x | | |
| 6. | Jeff Reardon | Trout Unlimited | x | | |
| 7. | Bob Meyers | Maine Snowmobile Assoc. Inc. | | | |
| 8. | Judith Merck | Small Woodland Owners of Maine (SWOAM) | | x | |
| 9. | Jon Olson | Maine Farm Bureau | | x | |
| 10. | Michael Rovella | Maine Bowhunters Assoc. | | x | |
| 11. | | | | | |
| 12. | | | | | |
| 13. | | | | | |
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**Part II Public Hearing
Testimony of Commissioner Roland D. Martin
May 5, 2003**

**Senator Cathcart; Representative Brannigan
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

**Senator Bryant; Representative Dunlap
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

My name is Danny Martin, Commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and I am pleased to present our Part II budget to you today.

On a positive note it pleases me to say that our part II budget does not request any new general fund dollars. We are requesting, however, some minor changes and transfers.

The first item is in Part A, on page 51 of the proof that we received last Friday. This involves the transfer of federal funds from all other to personal services to fund a limited period contractual position to manage and implement the Department's MOSES system. This limited period position will be abolished at the end of FY 04.

The second item is contained in Part B of the bill (page 81 of the proof) and involves self-funded reclassifications. Would you like me to go into the details of those reclassifications?

If yes...

Administrative Services: Provides for the self-funding of two Account Clerk positions to Accounting Tech positions and one Payroll Tech to Personnel Assistant. Transferring all other to personal services funds the reclasses.

Fisheries and Hatcheries: Provides for the self-funding of seventeen Fish Culturist positions as part of an overall range change of this classification approved by the Bureau of Human Resources. Transferring all other to personal services funds the range changes.

Licensing Services: Provides for the self-funding of four Data Entry and two Clerk II positions to Clerk Typist III positions. Transferring all other to personal services funds the reclasses.

If no...

Finally, the last piece of our Part II budget request is in Part C of the bill on page C-25 of the proof. This action provides for the transfer of 2 Biologist I positions to dedicated funds and 2 Biology Specialist positions to federal funding within the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program. This action corrects an error in the Part I budget by moving positions to their proper accounts.

Again, these transfer do not require additional general fund dollars.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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Testimony in Opposition to the Part II Budget De-allocation for the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Landowner Relations Office

Presented by Bob Meyers, Executive Director

The Maine Snowmobile Association represents 32,000 snowmobilers and 2,200 businesses who belong to 289 snowmobile clubs statewide. Our members maintain 13,000 miles of snowmobile trails that are the infrastructure of an industry that has an annual economic impact of \$300 million per year and provides the full-time equivalent of over 3,200 jobs.

Maine people are fortunate to be able to enjoy a wide range of outdoor recreation activities. In addition to the personal benefits these activities impart, the combined activities are a billion dollar plus industry for our state, generating thousands of jobs in rural areas and millions of dollars in tax revenues every year. Over 95% of the land these activities take place on are privately owned.

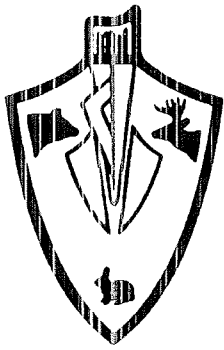
The Landowner Relations Office was created in 1995 and since that time a very small staff consisting of a Sergeant from the Warden Service and a secretary have performed a vital role in providing advocacy for both outdoorspeople and landowners, mediated conflicts and most importantly actively encouraged respectful public access to private land. Project Landshare, which was administered by the Landowner Relations Office enrolled over eight million acres of private land that are open for public access.

As you know, the budget for the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife has already been cut to the bone. What's done is done, but you are no longer looking at programs that could even remotely be considered luxuries. The Landowner Relations Program is vital to continued outdoor recreation in Maine and we urge you to find the money to properly fund it.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Senator Cathcart
Representative Brannigan
Distinguished Committee Members

My name is Michael Rovella. I am the legislative representative for the Maine Bowhunters Association. The board of directors asked that I come before you in hope that you will amend the Part 2 budget to retain the position of Landowner Relations Coordinator. This position is vital to the link between all Maine landowners and sportsman. I have personally traveled the length of the State of Maine with the previous coordinator Dave Peppard before his retirement. All landowner issues were addressed at town meetings and the outcome is always positive. Positive, because the landowner and the sportsman are united behind one individual and the flow of information is consistent. Eleven days from today I take the chair position on the Sportsman/ Forest Landowners Alliance. An alliance that at each meeting has the landowner coordinator present to clarify any landowner concerns and stop any action that would damage relations between the parties involved. This position is one of the most important on the table, for the Department of Inland Fisheries and its communication to landowners. To remove the nucleus of the landowner program would be a serious mistake under any circumstances, but with the current ATV upheaval it would be disastrous. Every aspect of land use in our state would be affected and affected adversely. Maine with all of its public lands cannot afford to be without the position of Landowner Coordinator. We ask again for your consideration to amend the part 2 budget, and protect Maine's landowners.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael Rovella

Legislative Representative
Maine Bowhunters Association

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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

May 9, 2003

TO: Senator Mary Cathcart, Senate Chair
 Representative Joe Brannigan, House Chair
 Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Bruce Bryant, Senate Chair *Bruce Bryant* ^{cc's}
 Representative Mathew Dunlap, House Chair *Mathew Dunlap* ^{cc's}
 Members, Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

SUBJ: Report back on Part 2 Budget: IFW

The Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee and its budget sub-committee have carefully reviewed the Part 2 Budget proposals for funding current services at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The committee voted unanimously to accept the Governor's proposal with the following recommendations:

1. Remove Part H from the budget in its entirety. The committee expressed a strong desire to maintain the current structure of the Atlantic Salmon Commission to insure the Commission can continue to effectively and efficiently pursue its mission;
2. Repeal of section L-1 of Public Law 2003, c. 20. This section allows the commissioner to adjust fees based on the consumer price index. The committee strongly feels that the adjustments of fees is a matter of public policy and should remain completely under the guidance of this committee;
3. Restore staffing for the Landowner's Relation Program. This funding is critical to the operation of the Landowner's Relation Program and is funded from "all other" and will not result in a net cost to the General Fund. The language for this proposal is attached to this letter as Attachment A;

4. Provide funding for the promotion of the Supersport program. The language for this proposal is attached to this letter as Attachment A. This program supports the Landowners Relation Program; and
5. Increase the fee for being a Supersport from \$15 to \$20 to further support landowner relations. The language for this adjustment is attached to this letter as Attachment A.
6. In the Draft Proposal Part C, there is an initiative to provide for one permanent part-time Public Service Executive position in the Atlantic Salmon Commission at a cost of \$7,646 in FY 03-04 and \$9,649 in FY 04-05. The committee does not support this position.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations.

cc: Tim Leet, Senior Legislative Analyst, OFPR
Lock Kiermaier, Legislative Analyst, OFPR
David Elliot, Director, OPLA

ATTACHMENT A

ATV Safety and Educational Program – 0559

Appropriates funds for one Game Warden Sergeant position and one Clerk Typist III position to manage and support the Landowners Relations Program.

| GENERAL FUND | 2003-04 | 2004-05 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Positions – Legislative Count | (2,000) | (2,000) |
| Personal Services | 118,013 | 119,877 |
| All Other | <u>(118,013)</u> | <u>(119,877)</u> |
| | 0 | 0 |

Support Landowners Program – 0826

Allocates funds for the cost of advertising the Super Sport program.

| OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | 2003-04 | 2004-05 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| All Other | <u>5,000</u> | <u>5,000</u> |
| | 5,000 | 5,000 |

Supersport Fee

12 MRSA § 7076, sub-§ 12-A, is amended to read:

12-A. Supersport. A person may be designated as a supersport by obtaining a supersport certificate from the commissioner or the commissioner's agent for a fee of \$2045.