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Resolve, To Allow the Use of Live Bait When Ice Fishing in Certain Waters of the State

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

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Madawaska and Senators: DUTREMBLE of York, THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: DAVIS of Sangerville, ESPLING of New Gloucester, GUERIN of Glenburn, SHAW of Standish, WOOD of Sabattus. 1 Sec. 1. Live bait rule change. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Inland 2 Fisheries and Wildlife shall amend Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife rules 3 concerning ice fishing in waters of the State to allow the use of live bait on the following 4 lakes: Chase Lake, T9 R10 WELS; Munsungan Lake, T8 R9, T8 R10, T9 R10 WELS; Wheelock Lake, St. John Plantation; Millimagassett Lake, T7 R8 WELS; Millinocket 5 Lake and Little Millinocket Lake, T7 R9, T8 R9, T7 R10 WELS; Twin Island Pond, 6 7 Lowelltown Township; Webster Lake, T6 R10, T6 R11 WELS; Mountain Catcher Pond, 8 T6 R8 WELS; Fish Pond, Holeb Township; and Attean Pond, Attean Township; and be it 9 further

10 Sec. 2. Review and report. Resolved: That the Joint Standing Committee on 11 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall review the issue of the use of live bait for ice fishing 12 and shall examine and establish guidelines on the use of live bait and is authorized to 13 submit legislation related to its findings to the Second Regular Session of the 126th 14 Legislature.

SUMMARY

16 This resolve directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to reverse 17 recent rulemaking that is effective April 1, 2013. Those proposals prohibit the use of live 18 bait for ice fishing in specific lakes. The resolve also requires the Joint Standing 19 Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to review the issue of live bait and authorizes 20 the committee to submit legislation.

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