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An Act To Prohibit the Use of Nonnative Baitfish

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10001, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

6. Baitfish. "Baitfish" means only those species in the following list:

- A. Lake chub, (*Couesius plumbeus*);
- B. Eastern silvery minnow, (~~*Hybognathus regius*~~);
- C. Golden shiner, (*Notemigonus crysoleucas*);
- D. ~~Emerald shiner, (*Notropis atherinoides*);~~
- E. Bridle shiner, (*Notropis bifrenatus*);
- F. Common shiner, (*Luxilus cornutus*);
- G. Blacknose shiner, (*Notropis heterolepis*);
- H. ~~Spottail shiner, (*Notropis hudsonius*);~~
- I. Northern redbelly dace, (*Phoxinus eos*);
- J. Finescale dace, (*Phoxinus neogaeus*);
- K. Fathead minnow, (*Pimephales promelas*);
- L. Blacknose dace, (*Rhinichthys atratulus*);
- M. Longnose dace, (*Rhinichthys cataractae*);
- N. Creek chub, (*Semotilus atromaculatus*);
- O. Fallfish, (*Semotilus corporalis*);
- P. Pearl dace, (*Margariscus margarita*);
- Q. Banded killifish, (*Fundulus diaphanus*);
- R. Mummichog, (*Fundulus heteroclitus*);
- S. Longnose sucker, (*Catostomus catostomus*);
- T. White sucker, (*Catostomus commersoni*);

U. Creek chubsucker, (*Erimyzon oblongus*); and

V. American eel, (*Anquilla rostrata*); and

W. Blackchin shiner, (*Notropis heterodon*).

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits the use of nonnative fish as bait in inland waters.