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An Act To Make Additions and Deletions to the List of State Endangered and Threatened Species

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

- **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§3,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c. 573, §6 and affected by §8 and c. 614, §9 and c. 655, Pt. C, §§3 and 6, is amended to read:
- **3. Legislative authority.** The Legislature, as sole authority, shall designate a species as a state endangered or state threatened species. The list of state endangered or state threatened species by common name, scientific name and status is as follows:
 - A. Least tern, Sterna albifronsantillarum, endangered;
 - B. Golden eagle, Aquila chrysaetos, endangered;
 - C. Piping plover, Charadrius melodus, endangered;
 - D. Sedge wren, Cistothorus platenisplatensis, endangered;
 - E. Grasshopper sparrow, Ammodramus savannarum, endangered;
 - F. Box turtle, Terrapene carolina, endangered;
 - G. Black racer, Coluber constrictor, endangered;
 - H. Roseate tern, Sterna dougallii, endangered;
 - I. Northern bog lemming, Synaptomys borealis, threatened;
 - J. Blanding's turtle, Emydoidea blandingii, endangered;
 - K. Black tern, Chlidonias niger, endangered;
 - L. American pipit, Anthus rubescens (breeding population only), endangered;
 - M. Peregrine falcon, Falco peregrinus (breeding population only), endangered;
 - N. Flat-headed mayfly Roaring Brook mayfly, Epeorus frisoni, endangered;
 - O. Ringed boghaunter, Williamsonia lintneri, endangeredthreatened;
 - P. Clayton's copper, Lycaena dorcas claytoni, endangered;
 - Q. Edwards' hairstreak, Satyrium edwardsii, endangered;
 - R. Hessel's hairstreak, Mitoura Callophrys hesseli, endangered;

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- S. Katahdin arctic, Oenis polixenes katahdin, endangered;
- T. Spotted turtle, Clemmys guttata, threatened;
- U. Bald eagle, Haliaeetus leucocephalus, threatened;
- V. Razorbill, Alca torda, threatened;
- W. Atlantic puffin, Fratercula arctica, threatened;
- X. Harlequin duck, Histrionicus histrionicus, threatened;
- Y. Arctic tern, Sterna paradisaea, threatened;
- Z. Upland sandpiper, Bartramia longicauda, threatened;
- AA. Swamp darter, Etheostoma fusiforme, threatened;
- BB. Tidewater mucket, Leptodea ochracea, threatened;
- CC. Yellow lampmussel, Lampsilis cariosa, threatened;
- DD. Tomah mayfly, Siphlonisca aerodromia, threatened;
- EE. Pygmy snaketail, Ophiogomphus howei, threatened;
- FF. Twilight moth, Lycia rachelae, threatened; and
- GG. Pine barrens zanclognatha Zanclognatha, Zanclognatha martha, threatened.;
- HH. Redfin pickerel, Esox americanus americanus, endangered;
- II. Juniper hairstreak, Callophrys gryneus, endangered;
- JJ. Rapids clubtail, Gomphus quadricolor, endangered;
- KK. New England cottontail, Sylvilagus transitionalis, endangered;
- LL. Black-crowned night heron, Nycticorax nycticorax, threatened;
- MM. Common moorhen, Gallinula chloropus, threatened;
- NN. Great cormorant, Phalacrocorax carbo (breeding population only), threatened;
- OO. Short-eared owl, Asio flammeus (breeding population only), threatened;
- PP. Purple lesser fritillary, Boloria chariclea grandis, threatened;
- QQ. Sleepy duskywing, Erynnis brizo, threatened;
- RR. Boreal snaketail, Ophiogomphus colubrinus, threatened;

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- SS. Brook floater, Alasmidonta varicosa, threatened;
- TT. Barrow's goldeneye, Bucephala albeola, threatened; and
- <u>UU</u>. <u>Least bittern</u>, <u>Ixobrychus exilis</u>, <u>endangered</u>.

SUMMARY

The Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 12803 requires that prior to recommending additions, deletions or other changes to the list of endangered and threatened species, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall provide for public notice and public hearings on the proposed recommendations to the Legislature. This bill contains the recommended additions, amendments and deletions to that list.