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An Act To Establish Emergency Response to Illegal Introductions of Invasive Fish Species

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10105, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Authorize taking and destruction of fish. Whenever an illegal introduction of invasive fish species occurs and the commissioner determines it necessary for resource protection and management, the commissioner may authorize licensed anglers to assist the commissioner in the taking and destruction of that invasive fish species.

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, when an illegal introduction of invasive fish species has occurred, to authorize licensed anglers to assist in the taking and destruction of that invasive fish species.