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An Act To Fund a Joint Appointment for a Groundfish Ecologist

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

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Resource Management 0027

Initiative: Appropriates funds for annual grants to the Gulf of Maine Research Institute to be used to employ a groundfish ecologist with the goal of establishing a research partnership between the Department of Marine Resources and the institute. These funds are intended to cover the department's share of all salary, benefits and operational costs and will be used only if matched on a one-to-one basis by the institute. The Commissioner of Marine Resources is authorized to participate in the selection process used to fill this position and in the development of an annual research plan.

GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000

SUMMARY

This bill makes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$100,000 per year for the Department of Marine Resources for its share of the costs of a groundfish ecologist to be employed by the Gulf of Maine Research Institute.