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**Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Simplify Maine's Fishing
Rules**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town.
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and
Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, COREY of Windham, DUCHESNE of Hudson, NADEAU
of Winslow, WARREN of Hallowell, WOOD of Greene, Senator: CYRWAY of Kennebec.

1 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission To Simplify
2 Maine's Fishing Rules, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established; and
3 be it further

4 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of
5 the following 10 members:

6 1. Two members of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife,
7 one member appointed by the President of the Senate and one member appointed by the
8 Speaker of the House;

9 2. Two licensed anglers, one member appointed by the President of the Senate and
10 one member appointed by the Speaker of the House;

11 3. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the commissioner's
12 designee;

13 4. The director of the fisheries division within the Department of Inland Fisheries
14 and Wildlife;

15 5. One member of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council, appointed by
16 the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;

17 6. One member representing a fish and game club, appointed by the Commissioner of
18 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;

19 7. One member of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, nominated by the executive
20 director of that organization and appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and
21 Wildlife; and

22 8. One member of the Maine Professional Guides Association, nominated by the
23 executive director of that organization and appointed by the Commissioner of Inland
24 Fisheries and Wildlife; and be it further

25 **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all appointments must be
26 made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing
27 authorities must notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon making
28 their appointments. When the appointment of all members is complete, the chair of the
29 Legislative Council shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission no later
30 than October 16, 2017. The commission shall select a chair from among its legislative
31 members; and be it further

32 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study, assess and evaluate
33 fishing laws and rules in the State to determine ways in which these laws and rules may
34 be simplified. In carrying out this study, the commission shall develop recommendations
35 designed to simplify the fishing laws and rules; and be it further

36 **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the commission shall request staffing
37 assistance from the Legislative Council; and be it further

