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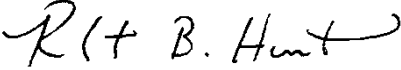
No. 245

H.P. 177

House of Representatives, February 3, 2015

**An Act To Rename B Stream in Houlton as Captain Ambrose Bear
Stream**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.
Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and
Representative: DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §467, sub-§15, ¶E,** as amended by PL 2003, c. 317, §18, is
3 further amended to read:

4 E. Meduxnekeag River Drainage.

5 (1) Meduxnekeag River, main stem.

6 (a) From the outlet of Meduxnekeag Lake to the international boundary -
7 Class B.

8 (2) Meduxnekeag River, tributaries - Class B unless otherwise specified.

9 (a) North Branch of the Meduxnekeag River and its tributaries above the
10 Monticello - T.C, R.2, W.E.L.S. boundary - Class A.

11 (b) Moose Brook and its tributaries, upstream of the Ludlow Road in
12 Ludlow - Class A.

13 (c) South Branch of the Meduxnekeag River and its tributaries, upstream of
14 the Oliver Road in Cary - Class A.

15 (d) ~~B~~ Captain Ambrose Bear Stream and tributaries upstream of the Burnt
16 Brow Bridge in Hammond - Class A.

17 **Sec. 2. Name change from B Stream to Captain Ambrose Bear Stream.**

18 The county commissioners of Aroostook County shall rename the stream in and near the
19 Town of Houlton in Aroostook County named B Stream to Captain Ambrose Bear
20 Stream in honor of Captain Ambrose Bear, a Maliseet Indian chief who served in the
21 Revolutionary War. The commissioners shall provide notice of the new name to the
22 Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Secretary of the United
23 States Department of the Interior and other public agencies, boards, committees or other
24 groups responsible for changing names of places and ensuring that such name changes
25 appear on maps and other documents.

26 **Sec. 3. Commissioner of Transportation to replace signs.** The

27 Commissioner of Transportation shall replace any sign that is located on the interstate
28 highway that contains a reference to B Stream to comply with section 2 no later than 30
29 days after the effective date of this Act.

30 **Sec. 4. Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.** The Commissioner

31 of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall amend Department of Inland Fisheries and
32 Wildlife's rules to change the name of B Stream to Captain Ambrose Bear Stream in all
33 rules that mention the stream.

34 **SUMMARY**

35 This bill requires the Aroostook County Commissioners to rename B Stream in and
36 near the Town of Houlton in Aroostook County to Captain Ambrose Bear Stream, in
37 honor of Captain Ambrose Bear, a Maliseet Indian chief who served in the Revolutionary
38 War. The bill also requires the county commissioners to notify the appropriate authorities

1 and agencies of the name change. The Department of Transportation is required to
2 change any existing road signs designating B Stream to refer to Captain Ambrose Bear
3 Stream. The bill also requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend
4 its rules to change the name of B Stream to Captain Ambrose Bear Stream, and it changes
5 the name where the name B Stream is cited in statute.