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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 11, L.D. 47, “An Act to Provide an Exception to a Fishing Prohibition near the Crooked Brook Dam”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, residents of the Town of Danforth in Washington County have long enjoyed fishing in the area around Crooked Brook Dam; and

Whereas, since the completion of a fishway at the site of the dam, residents' ability to fish has been limited; and

Whereas, this legislation creates an exception to allow fishing near, but not in or from, the fishway; and

Whereas, it is important that this legislation take effect immediately so that residents of the Town of Danforth can enjoy fishing in the spring and summer months; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)