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An Act To Clarify the Definition of "Personal Watercraft"

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13001, sub-§23, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

23. Personal watercraft. "Personal watercraft" means any motorized watercraft that is 14 feet or less in hull length as manufactured, has as its primary source of propulsion an inboard motor powering a jet pump and is capable of carrying one or more persons in a sitting, standing or kneeling position. "Personal watercraft" includes, but is not limited to, a jet ski, wet bike, surf jet and miniature speedboat. "Personal watercraft" also includes motorized watercraft whose operation is controlled by a water skier. "Personal watercraft" does not include a motorized watercraft that is not capable of being operated in excess of 15 miles per hour and does not generate an unreasonable amount of noise.

SUMMARY

This bill exempts a motorized watercraft that is not capable of being operated in excess of 15 miles per hour and does not generate an unreasonable amount of noise from the definition of "personal watercraft" in the laws governing inland fisheries and wildlife.