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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §8052-A** is enacted to read:

§ 8052-A. Public hearing required before restriction or expansion of access to inland waters is made

A state agency shall hold a public hearing on a state agency proposal to restrict or expand public access to inland waters that was in existence on July 31, 2008. This public hearing must be held near the location of the proposed restriction or expansion.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Parks - General Operations 0221

Initiative: Provides funds to cover the costs of public hearings that would be required to be held regarding proposals to restrict or expand public access to any inland waters.

GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	\$0	\$20,000
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$20,000

CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF	2007-08	2008-09
DEPARTMENT TOTALS		
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$20,000
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$20,000

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF

Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0529

Initiative: Provides funds to cover the costs of public hearings that would be required to be held regarding proposals to restrict or expand public access to any inland waters.

GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	\$0	\$18,000
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$18,000
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF		
DEPARTMENT TOTALS		
	2007-08	2008-09
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$18,000
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$18,000
SECTION TOTALS		
	2007-08	2008-09
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$38,000
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SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$38,000

SUMMARY

This amendment limits the bill's public hearing requirement to only the restriction or expansion of public access to inland waters that was in existence on July 31, 2008. It also moves the provisions of the bill to a new section within the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5 since the bill applies to all state agencies and not just the agencies affected by the provisions of Title 12. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)