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Amend in the bill in section 18 in subsection 3 in the first paragraph in the 7th line (page 4, line 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "as long as" and inserting the following: 'except that'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 25 the following:

‘**Sec. 26. 38 MRSA §480-Q, sub-§10**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 240, §1, is further amended to read:

**10. Aquaculture.** Aquaculture activities regulated by the Department of Marine Resources under Title 12, section 6072, 6072-A, 6072-B or 6072-C. Ancillary activities, including, but not limited to, building or altering docks or filling of wetlands, are not exempt from the provisions of this article.’

Amend the bill by inserting after section 26 the following:

‘**Sec. 27. 38 MRSA §488, sub-§13**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 383, §26 and affected by §42, is amended to read:

**13. Research and aquaculture leases.** Activities regulated by the Department of Marine Resources under Title 12, section 6072, 6072-A, 6072-B or 6072-C are exempt from the requirements of this article.’

Amend the bill by inserting after section 43 the following:

‘**Sec. 44. PL 2005, c. 549, §7** is amended to read:

**Sec. 7. Report.** The Department of Environmental Protection shall prepare a report on funding for cleanup of sites contaminated by hazardous waste, biomedical waste and waste oil. The report must include an assessment of the adequacy of the Maine Hazardous Waste Fund and must be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters no later than February ~~15, 2007~~2008. The committee may ~~report out~~submit legislation dealing with the fees for the transport and disposal of hazardous waste to the ~~First Regular Session of the~~ 123rd Legislature.’

Amend the bill by inserting after section 44 the following:

‘**Sec. 45. Retroactivity.** That section of this Act that amends Public Law 2005, chapter 549, section 7 is retroactive to February 1, 2007.’

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

## SUMMARY

This amendment amends the exemption in the site location of development laws and natural resources protection laws to include aquaculture activities regulated by the Department of Marine Resources under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6072-A, 6072-B or 6072-C. The amendment also extends the date by which the Department of Environmental Protection shall report

on funding for cleanup of sites contaminated by hazardous waste, biomedical waste and waste oil and authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources to submit legislation dealing with the fees for the transport and disposal of hazardous waste to the 123rd Legislature by February 15, 2008. The amendment also makes the section that amends Public Law 2005, chapter 549, section 7 retroactive to February 1, 2007. The amendment also makes a technical change to the bill.