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An Act To Create the Endangered or Threatened Marine Species Fund

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6978 is enacted to read:

§ 6978. Endangered or Threatened Marine Species Fund

The Endangered or Threatened Marine Species Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the department.

1. Sources. The commissioner may receive donations and funding from any source on behalf of the fund.

2. Purpose; use of fund. The purpose of the fund is to support activities related to the management of endangered or threatened marine species. All money received into the fund must be used for the purposes of the fund.

3. Interest and balances credited to fund. Any interest earned on the money in the fund must be credited to the fund. Unexpended balances in the fund at the end of the fiscal year do not lapse but must be carried forward to the next fiscal year and credited to the fund to be used for the purposes of this section.

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

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF Bureau of Resource Management 0027

Initiative: Beginning in fiscal year 2007-08, the Bureau of Resource Management program within the Department of Marine Resources will require an initial base Other Special Revenue allocation of \$500 to reflect the establishment of the Endangered or Threatened Marine Species Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Effective September 20, 2007