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In Senate, January 11, 2011

### An Act Implementing a Fisheries Permit Banking Program

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR. Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RECTOR of Knox. Cosponsored by Representative KRUGER of Thomaston and Senators: COLLINS of York, HOBBINS of York, TRAHAN of Lincoln, Representatives: MacDONALD of Boothbay, McKANE of Newcastle, RICHARDSON of Warren, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, TILTON of Harrington.

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2 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6022, sub-§17 is enacted to read:

<u>17. Permit banking program.</u> The commissioner may administer a permit banking
program in which the department holds federal limited access fishing permits and
distributes the rights associated with those permits to eligible residents of the State with
the goal of restoring and preserving access to federally managed fisheries. The
commissioner may lease fisheries allocations, as required, to fund the costs associated
with the permit banking program.

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#### SUMMARY

10 The purpose of this bill is to administer a permit banking program for the groundfish 11 industry for which the State has received a federal appropriation. This bill allows the 12 Department of Marine Resources to lease to industry members fisheries allocations from 13 the permits owned by the State to fund the permit banking program.