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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

TO: Senator, Richard Rosen, Senate Chair
Representative, Patrick Flood, House Chair
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Thomas Martin, Senate Chair *TM*
Representative Paul Davis, House Chair *PTD*
Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

DATE: January 26, 2011

SUBJ: Committee report on LD 100- Supplemental Budget for the FY ending June 30, 2011

The Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife voted 11-0 to oppose that part of Governor LePage's supplemental budget that falls within the policy jurisdiction of our committee (See attached voting sheet). As you know, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is unique among state agencies in that the Constitution of Maine provides that "the amount of funds appropriated in any fiscal year to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife ... may not be less than the total revenue collected [by the department]." Based on current projections, the amount of General Fund money appropriated for Fiscal Year 2010-11 to the department may be less than what is required by the Constitution of Maine. Therefore, we cannot support any further reduction in the department's budget.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendation.

cc: Patrick Norton, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis

Sec. A-33. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF

Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0529

Initiative: Reduces funding for out-of-state travel.

Ref. #: 371

Committee Vote:

11-0

AFA Vote:

GENERAL FUND

All Other

2010-11

2011-12

2012-13

(\$2,689)

\$0

\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

(\$2,689)

\$0

\$0

Justification:

The department will reduce or find alternative funding for attending regional and national fish and wildlife conferences held by the National Association of Fish and Wildlife agencies and meetings of the Atlantic Flyway Council. Approximately six of these events are scheduled annually at various locations throughout the country.

Search and Rescue 0538

Initiative: Reduces funding for training.

Ref. #: 373

Committee Vote:

11-0

AFA Vote:

GENERAL FUND

All Other

2010-11

2011-12

2012-13

(\$1,014)

\$0

\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

(\$1,014)

\$0

\$0

Justification:

Members of the incident management team will reduce their participation in training exercises that occur annually with non-state partners. Additionally, the incident commander will not attend training that occurs annually with the National Association of Search and Rescue.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND

2010-11

2011-12

2012-13

(\$3,703)

\$0

\$0

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS

(\$3,703)

\$0

\$0

