An Act To Assist in the Restoration of Atlantic Salmon

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Received by the Clerk of the House on January 11, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §465, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2013, c. 193, §2, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (2), division (a).

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §465, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2013, c. 193, §2, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (2), division (b).

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §465, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 2013, c. 193, §3, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (2), division (a).

Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §465, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 2013, c. 193, §3, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (2), division (b).

SUMMARY

This bill eliminates restrictions for the total number of discharge licenses allowed to be issued for Class AA and Class A waters. It retains the requirement in current law that those discharges assist in the restoration of Atlantic salmon and will return the waters to a state that is closer to historically natural chemical quality.