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Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Establish a Working Group to Explore Opportunities to Maintain Public Access of Land

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, DILL of Old Town. 1 Sec. 1. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife working group; access 2 to land. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall convene a working group to explore opportunities to work with commercial landowners to establish 3 4 public-private partnerships designed to maintain public access to privately owned land. For the purposes of this section, "commercial landowner" means an owner of land used 5 primarily for commercial purposes. By December 3, 2025, the department shall submit a 6 report, including recommendations and any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing 7 8 Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The joint standing committee may submit 9 legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

SUMMARY

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11 This resolve directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to convene a 12 working group to explore opportunities to work with commercial landowners to establish 13 public-private partnerships designed to maintain public access to privately owned land.