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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 271, L.D. 405, Bill, “An Act To Support Expanded Capacity for Breeding Wild Atlantic Salmon in Downeast Rivers”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing Certain State Agencies To Identify and Provide Fish Passage Information on Existing Dams'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. State agencies to conduct a study of existing dams and fishways. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources, together referred to in this resolve as "the departments," in consultation with the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency, shall inventory and determine ownership of existing dams or other artificial obstructions within waters in the State frequented by alewives, shad, salmon, sturgeon or other anadromous or migratory fish species and determine whether a fishway exists at each inventoried dam or artificial obstruction; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the departments shall submit a joint report on the study under section 1 and any recommended legislation to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters, inland fisheries and wildlife matters and marine resources matters by March 15, 2017.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, with a resolve directing the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources, in consultation with the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency, to inventory existing dams or other artificial obstructions within waters frequented by alewives, shad, salmon, sturgeon or other anadromous or migratory fish species and determine whether a fishway exists at each inventoried dam or artificial

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1 obstruction. The resolve directs the departments conducting the inventory study to jointly
2 report their findings to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having
3 jurisdiction over environment and natural resources, inland fisheries and wildlife and
4 marine resources matters by March 15, 2017.