An Act to Designate a State Wildlife Sanctuary at Blue Hill Falls

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

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12706, sub-§1, ¶C-1 is enacted to read:

C-1. Blue Hill Falls Sanctuary: The following described territory situated in the Town of Blue Hill in the County of Hancock: The area enclosed by a boundary line drawn as follows: Beginning at Stills Point at the easterly end of Blue Hill Neck, extending to the north in an arc to the easternmost point of the island called The Nub, thence follow along the high tide mark in a generally south direction parallel to the Blue Hill Falls Road, thence on meeting Blue Hill Falls follow the shore of Salt Pond west until, by heading due east, one would connect with the end of Birchlea Road on Blue Hill Neck across Salt Pond and follow the eastern shore of Salt Pond north past the opposite side of Blue Hill Falls, continuing along Blue Hill Harbor to Stills Point, the point of beginning;

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12707, sub-§2, ¶I is enacted to read:

I. Subsection 1-A applies to Blue Hill Falls Sanctuary from the 15th day of October of each year to the first day of April following. From April 2nd until October 14th of each year, hunting wild animals and wild birds is permitted. From the 15th day of October of each year to the first day of April following, a person may not lure or attempt to lure common eider out of Blue Hill Falls Sanctuary. From the 15th day of October of each year to the first day of April following, a person may not engage in sustained recreational or commercial activity in Blue Hill Falls Sanctuary. For purposes of this paragraph, "sustained recreational or commercial activity" means activity lasting more than 30 minutes on more than one day from the 15th day of October of each year to the first day of April following. From April 2nd until October 14th of each year, no more than a total of 20 wild animals and wild birds per day may be taken from the Blue Hill Falls Sanctuary. From April 2nd until October 14th of each year, a person may not take wild animals or wild birds from the Blue Hill Falls Sanctuary on more than one day in a calendar week.

SUMMARY

This bill designates a state wildlife sanctuary at Blue Hill Falls in Hancock County and places restrictions on certain activities in the wildlife sanctuary.