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## **An Act To Rename B Stream in Houlton as Captain Ambrose Bear Stream**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §467, sub-§15, ¶E**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 317, §18, is further amended to read:

E. Meduxnekeag River Drainage.

(1) Meduxnekeag River, main stem.

(a) From the outlet of Meduxnekeag Lake to the international boundary - Class B.

(2) Meduxnekeag River, tributaries - Class B unless otherwise specified.

(a) North Branch of the Meduxnekeag River and its tributaries above the Monticello - T.C, R.2, W.E.L.S. boundary - Class A.

(b) Moose Brook and its tributaries, upstream of the Ludlow Road in Ludlow - Class A.

(c) South Branch of the Meduxnekeag River and its tributaries, upstream of the Oliver Road in Cary - Class A.

(d) BCaptain Ambrose Bear Stream and tributaries upstream of the Burnt Brow Bridge in Hammond - Class A.

**Sec. 2. Name change from B Stream to Captain Ambrose Bear Stream.** The county commissioners of Aroostook County shall rename the stream in and near the Town of Houlton in Aroostook County named B Stream to Captain Ambrose Bear Stream in honor of Captain Ambrose Bear, a Maliseet Indian chief who served in the Revolutionary War. The commissioners shall provide notice of the new name to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior and other public agencies, boards, committees or other groups responsible for changing names of places and ensuring that such name changes appear on maps and other documents.

**Sec. 3. Commissioner of Transportation to replace signs.** The Commissioner of Transportation shall replace any sign that is located on the interstate highway that contains a reference to B Stream to comply with section 2 no later than 30 days after the effective date of this Act.

**Sec. 4. Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.** The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall amend Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's rules to change the name of B Stream to Captain Ambrose Bear Stream in all rules that mention the stream.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Aroostook County Commissioners to rename B Stream in and near the Town of Houlton in Aroostook County to Captain Ambrose Bear Stream, in honor of Captain Ambrose Bear, a Maliseet Indian chief who served in the Revolutionary War. The bill also requires the county commissioners to notify the appropriate authorities and agencies of the name change. The Department of Transportation is required to change any existing road signs designating B Stream to refer to Captain Ambrose Bear Stream. The bill also requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend its rules to change the name of B Stream to Captain Ambrose Bear Stream, and it changes the name where the name B Stream is cited in statute.