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Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Add Koi to the List of Fish Approved for Aquariums

Sec. 1 Koi added to list. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is directed to amend its rules in chapters 2 and 7 to add koi, *Cyprinus carpio haematopterus*, to the list of unrestricted fish that do not require an importation permit or possession permit. Rules adopted must specify that the keeping of koi is allowed only in a closed aquarium or pond system. For the purpose of these rules, "closed system" means a type of water system where the water is recirculated, no water is discharged into the environment and the wildlife or marine species held in the system cannot escape.

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend its rules to add koi, *Cyprinus carpio haematopterus*, to the list of unrestricted fish that do not require an importation permit or possession permit and to allow koi to be kept only in a closed aquarium or pond system.