



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 402**LR 247(02)**

An Act to Move the Natural Areas Program from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and to Amend the Law Governing Administration of the Bureau of Resource Management Within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$403)	(\$658)	(\$683)	(\$711)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$403)	(\$658)	(\$683)	(\$711)
Federal Expenditures Fund	(\$22,669)	(\$22,490)	(\$22,502)	(\$22,516)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$209,915)	(\$209,614)	(\$209,636)	(\$209,657)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill transfers statutory references and administrative oversight of the Natural Areas Program from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW). As a result, one Public Service Manager II position, one Resource Management Coordinator position, five Biologist II positions, and associated All Other costs will be transferred.

This change will result in the following adjustments to ACF's budget beginning in fiscal year 2025-26:

General Fund deappropriations of \$477,970
Federal Expenditures Fund deallocations of \$299,218
Other Special Revenue Funds deallocations of \$885,833

Corresponding allocations to IFW in fiscal year 2025-26 will include:

General Fund appropriations of \$477,567
Federal Expenditures Fund allocations of \$276,549
Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$675,418

The appropriations and allocations in this bill are also included in Part A of the proposed biennial budget. If they are enacted through the budget, the appropriations and allocations in this bill will no longer be necessary.