



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 2633(03)

An Act to Eliminate the Natural Areas Program and Reassign Certain Responsibilities Under the Program to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and to Amend the Law Governing Administration of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Resource Management

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-972)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500

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 2026-27:

General Fund deappropriations of	\$	(484,427)
Federal Expenditures Fund deallocations of	\$	(312,320)
Other Special Revenue Funds deallocations of	\$	(907,901)

Corresponding adjustments to IFW in fiscal year 2026-27: will include:

General Fund appropriations of	\$	484,427
Federal Expenditures Fund allocations of	\$	312,320
Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of	\$	907,901