**An Act to Amend Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species List**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “      ” to H.P. 32, L.D. 57, “An Act to Amend Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species List”

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

**2. Commissioner's duties.**  In recommending a species to be listed as endangered or threatened, the commissioner shall:

A. Make use of the best scientific, commercial and other data available;

B. Consult, as appropriate, with federal agencies, other interested state agencies, other states having a common interest in the species and interested persons and organizations; ~~and~~

C. Maintain a list of all species that the Legislature has designated to be endangered or threatened, naming each species by both its scientific and common name, if any, and specifying over what portion of its range each species so designated is endangered or threatened~~.~~; and

D. Report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters no less frequently than every 4 years on any recommendations, status updates or changes to the list of species designated as endangered or threatened.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment adds to the bill a section that requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report no less frequently than every 4 years to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters any recommendations, status updates or changes to the list of species designated as endangered or threatened.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**