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An Act to Provide an Exception to a Fishing Prohibition near the Crooked Brook Dam

Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
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Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint
Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MASON of Lisbon.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12457, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 499, §1, is
3 further amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

4 (5) There is no fishing in or from the fishway at the Sheepscot Lake Dam in the
5 Town of Palermo in Waldo County, Chain of Ponds Dam in Chain of Ponds
6 Township in Franklin County, Long Pond Dam in Seven Ponds Township in
7 Franklin County, Beaver Pond Dam in Seven Ponds Township in Franklin County,
8 Little Island Pond Dam in Seven Ponds Township in Franklin County, Pushaw
9 Lake Dam in the Town of Hudson in Penobscot County, Davis Pond Dam in the
10 Town of Eddington in Penobscot County, Leonard's Mills Dam on Blackman
11 Stream in the Town of Bradley in Penobscot County, Souadabscook Stream Dam
12 at Grist Mill Road in the Town of Carmel in Penobscot County ~~and~~, Webber Pond
13 Dam in the Town of Vassalboro in Kennebec County and Crooked Brook Dam in
14 the Town of Danforth in Washington County;

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill establishes an exception to the 150-foot fishing setback around the Crooked
17 Brook Dam, which will allow fishing closer to the fishway but still prohibit fishing in or
18 from the fishway for safety reasons. The area around the fishway is currently closed to
19 fishing within 150 feet of the dam.