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House of Representatives, January 24, 2017

**An Act To Allow Dipping for Smelt on King Pond in Hancock
County**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LYFORD of Eddington.
Cosponsored by Representatives: PIERCE of Dresden, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, STEARNS
of Guilford, WOOD of Greene.

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** this legislation must take effect in time for the beginning of the fishing
4 season in April 2017; and

5 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
6 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
7 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
8 therefore,

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

10 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12460-B** is enacted to read:

11 **§12460-B. Smelt fishing in King Pond**

12 Notwithstanding section 12456, a person may fish for smelt by use of a dip net in
13 King Pond in the Town of Great Pond in Hancock County. A person may not:

14 1. Exceed daily bag limit. Exceed the daily bag limit of 2 quarts per person. A
15 person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime; or

16 2. Harvest for commercial purposes. Harvest smelt for commercial purposes. A
17 person who violates this subsection commits a Class D crime for which a fine of not less
18 than \$1,000 may be adjudged.

19 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
20 legislation takes effect when approved.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill allows a person to fish for smelt by use of a dip net in King Pond in the
23 Town of Great Pond in Hancock County.