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An Act To Allow Spearfishing for Northern Pike in Sebago Lake

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ORDWAY of Standish.
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and
Representatives: COREY of Windham, GINZLER of Bridgton, HANINGTON of Lincoln,
HARRINGTON of Sanford, PICKETT of Dixfield, STEWART of Presque Isle, TURNER of
Burlington, Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12656, sub-§1, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2
3 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

4 B. Except as otherwise provided, use any grapnel, spear, ~~spear gun~~ speargun, trawl,
5 weir, gaff, seine, gill net, trap or set lines for fishing.

6 ~~(1) A person may take suckers, eels, alewives and yellow perch in accordance~~
7 ~~with section 12506.~~

8 ~~(2) A person may take baitfish with a baitfish trap, as defined in section 10001,~~
9 ~~subsection 7.~~

10 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12656, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

11 **1-A. Exceptions.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, paragraph B, a person may:

12 A. Take suckers, eels, alewives and yellow perch in accordance with section 12506;

13 B. Take baitfish with a baitfish trap, as defined in section 10001, subsection 7; and

14 C. Use a spear or speargun to fish for northern pike in Sebago Lake.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill allows the use of a spear or speargun to fish for northern pike in Sebago
17 Lake.