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**Resolve, To Create the Commission To Study the Needs,  
Opportunities and Efficiencies Associated with the Production of  
Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine**

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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 GOLDEN of Lewiston.  
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and  
Representative: HICKMAN of Winthrop.

1           **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission To Study  
2 the Needs, Opportunities and Efficiencies Associated with the Production of Salmonid  
3 Sport Fish in Maine, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established; and be  
4 it further

5           **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of  
6 the following 11 members:

7           1. Two members of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife,  
8 one member appointed by the President of the Senate and one member appointed by the  
9 Speaker of the House;

10          2. Two licensed anglers, one member appointed by the President of the Senate and  
11 one member appointed by the Speaker of the House;

12          3. The Superintendent of Hatcheries within the Department of Inland Fisheries and  
13 Wildlife or the superintendent's designee;

14          4. One fisheries biologist within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife,  
15 appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;

16          5. One member of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council, appointed by  
17 the council;

18          6. One member representing a fish and game organization, appointed by the  
19 Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;

20          7. One member of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, nominated by the executive  
21 director of that organization and appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and  
22 Wildlife;

23          8. One member of the Maine Professional Guides Association, nominated by the  
24 executive director of that organization and appointed by the Commissioner of Inland  
25 Fisheries and Wildlife; and

26          9. One representative of the Maine aquaculture industry, nominated by the Maine  
27 Aquaculture Association and appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and  
28 Wildlife; and be it further

29           **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all appointments must be  
30 made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing  
31 authorities must notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon making  
32 their appointments. When the appointment of all members is complete, the chair of the  
33 Legislative Council shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission no later  
34 than October 16, 2017. The commission shall select a chair from among its legislative  
35 members; and be it further

36           **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study, assess and evaluate  
37 salmonid fish culture facilities in the State and the associated production and distribution

1 capabilities, opportunities, needs and contributions to the economy of the State. In  
2 carrying out this study, the commission shall develop recommendations regarding the  
3 production of salmonid sport fish in the State; and be it further

4 **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide  
5 necessary staffing services to the commission; and be it further

6 **Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That the members of the commission are  
7 entitled to reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses upon application to the  
8 Legislative Council. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer  
9 the commission's budget; and be it further

10 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit a report with its  
11 recommendations, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint  
12 Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than January 30, 2018; and  
13 be it further

14 **Sec. 8. Prohibition. Resolved:** That the Department of Inland Fisheries and  
15 Wildlife may not make an expenditure of over \$150,000 to repair or upgrade its salmonid  
16 fish hatcheries until the report under section 7 is received and its recommendations acted  
17 upon.

## 18 SUMMARY

19 This resolve creates the Commission To Study the Needs, Opportunities and  
20 Efficiencies Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine. The  
21 commission is required to submit its report and any accompanying legislation to the Joint  
22 Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 30, 2018. The  
23 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is prohibited from making any expenditure  
24 of over \$150,000 to repair or upgrade its salmonid fish hatcheries until the report is  
25 received and its recommendations acted upon.