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House of Representatives, April 7, 2015

An Act To Authorize Tribal-state Memoranda in the Eel and Elver Fisheries

Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6302-C** is enacted to read:

3 **§6302-C. Memorandum of agreement between federally recognized Indian tribes**
4 **and the State**

5 **1. Authorization.** The commissioner may enter into a memorandum of agreement
6 with the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Penobscot Nation, Aroostook Band of Micmacs or
7 Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians regarding the management of commercial fishing in
8 the eel and elver fisheries.

9 **2. Report.** If a memorandum of agreement is entered into pursuant to subsection 1,
10 the commissioner shall report the terms of the memorandum of agreement to the joint
11 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters.
12 The committee may report out a bill to the next regular session of the Legislature after the
13 session in which the report is received to make any necessary statutory changes in
14 response to the memorandum of agreement.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Marine Resources to enter into a
17 memorandum of agreement with the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Penobscot Nation, Aroostook
18 Band of Micmacs or Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians regarding the management of
19 commercial fishing in the eel and elver fisheries. This bill requires the commissioner to
20 report the terms of a memorandum of agreement to the joint standing committee of the
21 Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters. The committee may report
22 out a bill to the next regular session of the Legislature after the session in which the
23 report is received to make any necessary statutory changes in response to the agreement.