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An Act To Allow Fishing Closer to the Fishway on Webber Pond in Vassalboro

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative FOWLE of Vassalboro.
Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and
Representatives: MARKS of Pittston, NADEAU of Winslow, SHORT of Pittsfield.

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 2011, c. 253, §27, is
3 further amended to read:

4 A. The area within 150 feet of any operational fishway, except:

5 (1) At the following places, the fishway and the area within 75 feet of any part of
6 the fishway are closed to fishing at all times:

7 (a) Grand Falls Powerhouse Dam on the St. Croix River in Baileyville; and

8 (b) Woodland Dam on the St. Croix River in Baileyville;

9 (2) At the following places, the area within the fishway and within 75 feet of the
10 downstream mouth of the fishway is closed to fishing at all times:

11 (a) East Grand Lake Dam in Forest City Township, T9 R4 NBPP, except
12 that fishing upstream from the dam at the top of the fishway is lawful;

13 (2-A) At the following places, the area within 75 feet of the mouth of the
14 fishway is closed to fishing at all times:

15 (a) Spednic Lake Dam in Vanceboro;

16 (3) At the so-called ice control dam on the Narraguagus River in the Town of
17 Cherryfield, the area within 100 feet of the dam must be closed to fishing at all
18 times;

19 (4) At East Outlet Dam in Sapling Township, T1R7, in Somerset County and in
20 Big Moose Township, T2R6, in Piscataquis County at the outlet of Moosehead
21 Lake, the fishway and the area within 50 feet of any part of the fishway must be
22 closed to fishing at all times; ~~and~~

23 (5) There is no fishing in or from the fishway at the Sheepscot Lake Dam in the
24 Town of Palermo in Waldo County, Chain of Ponds Dam in Chain of Ponds
25 Township in Franklin County, Long Pond Dam in Seven Ponds Township in
26 Franklin County, Beaver Pond Dam in Seven Ponds Township in Franklin
27 County and Little Island Pond Dam in Seven Ponds Township in Franklin
28 County; and

29 (6) At Webber Pond in Vassalboro, a person may fish 25 feet or more from the
30 fishway.

31 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill reduces the distance from the fishway in Webber Pond in Vassalboro within
33 which a person may not fish from 150 feet to 25 feet to allow fishing from the nearby
34 town dock area.