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Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Amend Its Process of Gathering Public Opinion on Rulemaking and Other Projects

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

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HASKELL of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative SHAW of Standish.

1 Sec. 1. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to improve use of 2 electronic communication methods for public outreach. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall modify its procedures for notifying the 3 4 public of proposed rulemaking, public hearings and other proposals by expanding the use 5 of electronic communication, including the use of e-mail and social networking websites, for the purposes of increasing public participation and engagement and increasing staff 6 7 efficiency; and be it further 8 Sec. 2. Reporting date established. Resolved: That the Department of Inland 9 Fisheries and Wildlife shall report on how it has modified its procedures in accordance 10 with section 1, and on the response of the public to these modifications, to the Joint

Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 1, 2014.

12 SUMMARY

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This resolve requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to improve its use of electronic communication methods in notifying the public of proposed rulemaking, public hearings and other proposals.