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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 403, L.D. 559, Bill, “An Act To Restore Regular Mapping of Eelgrass Beds in the State”

Amend the bill in section 1 in section 1805 by striking out all of subsections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

'1. Eelgrass Mapping Fund. The Eelgrass Mapping Fund is created within the department as a nonlapsing dedicated fund to support the establishment and administration of the eelgrass mapping program required under this section. The fund may accept revenue from grants, bequests, gifts or contributions from any source, public or private.

2. Mapping schedule. The mapping of eelgrass beds required under this section must be conducted in accordance with the following schedule.

A. No later than November 1, 2020, mapping must be completed for that portion of the coast from St. George to Brooklin and must be updated every 5 years thereafter.

B. No later than November 1, 2021, mapping must be completed for that portion of the coast from Brooklin to Jonesport and must be updated every 5 years thereafter.

C. No later than November 1, 2022, mapping must be completed for that portion of the coast from Jonesport to Calais and must be updated every 5 years thereafter.

D. No later than November 1, 2023, mapping must be completed for that portion of the coast from Kittery to Phippsburg and must be updated every 5 years thereafter.

E. No later than November 1, 2024, mapping must be completed for that portion of the coast from Phippsburg to St. George and must be updated every 5 years thereafter.'

Amend the bill by adding after section 1 the following:

'Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 **Eelgrass Mapping Fund N302**

2 Initiative: Provides an allocation to accept grants, bequests, gifts or contributions from
 3 any source, public or private, to support the administration of the eelgrass mapping
 4 program.

5	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2019-20	2020-21
6	All Other	\$500	\$500
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8	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

9 **Water Quality 0248**

10 Initiative: Provides appropriations for one Biologist II position and one Environmental
 11 Technician position and All Other costs.

12	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
13	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
14	Personal Services	\$107,250	\$147,290
15	All Other	\$6,050	\$6,050
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17	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$113,300	\$153,340

18 **Water Quality 0248**

19 Initiative: Provides appropriations for aerial imagery acquisition and processing and
 20 annual equipment maintenance and replacement.

21	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
22	All Other	\$124,400	\$117,500
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24	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$124,400	\$117,500

25 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,**
 26 **DEPARTMENT OF**
 27 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

28		2019-20	2020-21
29	GENERAL FUND	\$237,700	\$270,840
30	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500
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32	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$238,200	\$271,340

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1 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
2 section number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment creates the Eelgrass Mapping Fund to support the establishment and
5 administration of the eelgrass mapping program required under the bill and authorizes the
6 fund to accept grants, bequests, gifts or contributions from any source, public or private.
7 The amendment also revises the mapping schedule for the mapping of eelgrass beds as
8 proposed in the bill and adds an appropriations and allocations section.

9 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

10 **(See attached)**