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MARINE RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 751, L.D. 1179, “An Act to Reestablish the Marine Recreational Fishery Advisory Council at the Department of Marine Resources”

Amend the bill in section 3 in §6033-A by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 2, lines 1 to 21 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

1. Appointment; composition. The Marine Recreational Fishing Advisory Council, referred to in this section as "the council" and established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 57-I, consists of 12 members, appointed by the commissioner as follows:

- A. Two members representing the recreational clam digging industry;
- B. Two members representing the recreational lobster fishing industry;
- C. One member representing the smelt camp industry;
- D. One member representing the recreational Atlantic mackerel fishing industry;
- E. The Senate chair of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters on the recommendation of the President of the Senate;
- F. The House chair of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters on the recommendation of the Speaker of the House; and
- G. Four members of the public that are listed on the saltwater recreational fishing registry established in section 6312, do not hold a state marine harvesting license and represent York and Cumberland counties, Sagadahoc and Lincoln counties, Knox and Waldo counties and Hancock and Washington counties, respectively.

If a member appointed under paragraph E or F no longer meets the criteria of appointment, the member shall continue serving on the council until a new member is appointed by the commissioner.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Amend the bill in section 3 in §6033-A in subsection 5 in the last line (page 2, line 32
 2 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "designee." the following: 'All meetings of the
 3 council must allow remote participation by council members.'

4 Amend the bill in section 4 in the first and 2nd lines (page 3, lines 1 and 2 in L.D.) by
 5 striking out the following: "and the Governor"

6 Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

7 '**Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
 8 allocations are made.

9 **LEGISLATURE**

10 **Legislature 0081**

11 Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for the costs of Legislators appointed to the Marine
 12 Recreational Fishery Advisory Council.

13 GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
14 Personal Services	\$440	\$440
15 All Other	\$960	\$960
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17 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,400	\$1,400

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19 **LEGISLATURE**

20 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

21	2023-24	2024-25
22 GENERAL FUND	\$1,400	\$1,400
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24 DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,400	\$1,400

25 **MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

26 **Bureau of Policy and Management 0258**

27 Initiative: Provides funding for one part-time Resource Management Coordinator position
 28 and associated costs.

29 GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
30 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
31 All Other	\$47,108	\$63,051
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33 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$47,108	\$63,051

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35 **MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

36 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

37	2023-24	2024-25
38 GENERAL FUND	\$47,108	\$63,051
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40 DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$47,108	\$63,051

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1	SECTION TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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3	GENERAL FUND	\$48,508	\$64,451
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5	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$48,508	\$64,451
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7 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
8 number to read consecutively.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, changes the
11 appointment and composition of the Marine Recreational Fishing Advisory Council. It
12 also requires the council meetings to allow for remote participation by council members.
13 The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

14 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

15 **(See attached)**