

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

H.P. 1141 - L.D. 1579

An Act To Create a Limited Fish Stocking Permit

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12510, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Limited permit. The commissioner may issue a written limited permit to a local government under this subsection. A limited permit:

A. Allows the local government to introduce fish only into a great pond that:

- (1) Is within the jurisdiction of the local government; and
- (2) Was previously stocked by the department and in which stocking was suspended prior to January 1, 2019 and has not been resumed by the department due to inadequate public access;

B. Allows the introduction of only:

- (1) The same species of fish that was stocked at the time the department suspended stocking; and
- (2) Fish obtained by the local government at its own expense from an in-state commercial facility that meets testing and health guidelines approved by the department; and

C. May be issued only if the local government identifies public access to the great pond that:

- (1) Is at least suitable for the hand carrying of boats to the water;
- (2) Includes a parking area; and
- (3) Has been marked with signage adequate to ensure public awareness of the public access.

For purposes of this subsection, "local government" means a municipality or, in the unorganized territory, a county.