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An Act To Repeal Authorization for Smelt Fishing in Mud Brook in Aroostook County

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative McELWEE of Caribou. Cosponsored by Senator EDGECOMB of Aroostook and

Representatives: EDGECOMB of Fort Fairfield, FREDETTE of Newport, KINNEY of Knox, LONG of Sherman, MARTIN of Sinclair, WALLACE of Dexter, WHITE of Washburn.

1 2	Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
3	Whereas, there exists a marked decline in the abundance of smelt; and
4 5	Whereas, in order to prevent overfishing of smelt, it is necessary to take immediate action; and
6 7	Whereas, this legislation repeals authorization for smelting in Mud Brook in Aroostook County; and
8 9 10	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
12	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
13	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12460-A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 218, §1, is repealed.
14 15	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.
16	SUMMARY
17 18 19 20	Current law provides that, notwithstanding laws to the contrary, a person may fish for smelt by use of a dip net in Mud Brook, a tributary of Long Lake within Township 17, Range 3, Aroostook County. This bill repeals the provision that authorizes smelting in Mud Brook.