

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

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S.P. 325 - L.D. 1033

**Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To
Examine Sunday Hunting**

Sec. 1. Review. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall establish a stakeholder group to examine issues related to allowing Sunday hunting.

Sec. 2. Stakeholder group. Resolved: That the department shall ensure that the stakeholder group established under section 1 is as broadly representative of interested parties and groups as possible and shall invite participation from at least the following: representatives of farmers, small landowners and large landowners; supporters and opponents of Sunday hunting opportunities; hunters and nonhunters; guides; persons or entities from diverse geographic regions of the State; and others with interest or expertise in the subject matter of the examination. The department shall hire a facilitator to assist the stakeholder group in its work under this resolve.

Sec. 3. Survey. Resolved: That, to the extent the department receives adequate funding under section 4, the department, in consultation with the stakeholder group established under section 1, shall develop and complete an appropriate public opinion survey relating to the subject matter of the examination under section 1.

Sec. 4. Outside funding. Resolved: That the department may seek and accept outside funding to fund the survey under section 3.

Sec. 5. Report. Resolved: That the department shall report the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group established under section 1 together with the results of any survey completed under section 3 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 3, 2022. The committee may report out a bill related to Sunday hunting to the 130th Legislature.

Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF
Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0529**

Initiative: Provides an appropriation to hire a facilitator for a stakeholder group tasked with examining issues related to allowing Sunday hunting.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$15,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>