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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 418, L.D. 1049, “An Act to Protect Maine’s Inland Fisheries from Invasive Fish”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to Address Aquatic Invasive Species'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Department of Marine Resources to enter into memorandum of understanding. Resolved: That, by December 15, 2024, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources, referred to jointly in this resolve as "the departments," shall enter into a memorandum of understanding to establish a process to plan for actions to control and prevent the further spread of aquatic invasive species as fish passages are improved and fish barriers are removed statewide.

Sec. 2. Review and update of memorandum of understanding. Resolved: That the departments shall include in the memorandum of understanding under section 1 a requirement that the memorandum be reviewed and updated at least every 5 years to coincide with the renewal of the memorandum. The memorandum must also include a provision authorizing the departments to review and update the memorandum at more frequent intervals when significant changes are planned with respect to how fish passages and fish barriers are managed. The review must include an assessment of the departments' progress on actions to control and prevent the further spread of aquatic invasive species and initiatives identified in the memorandum to ensure timely progress and completion, as well as identification of any new supporting initiatives.

Sec. 3. Departments' progress report to joint standing committee. Resolved: That the departments shall include in the memorandum of understanding under section 1 a requirement that the departments submit a report on the departments' progress under the memorandum to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having

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1 jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters at least every 5 years, to coincide
2 with the renewal of the memorandum under section 2.

3 **Sec. 4. Other updates to joint standing committee. Resolved:** That the
4 departments shall include in the memorandum of understanding under section 1 a
5 requirement that, if changes are planned that reduce commitments outlined in the
6 memorandum to control and prevent the further spread of aquatic invasive species at the
7 dam on the Penobscot River in the Town of Medway or the dam on the Piscataquis River
8 at Brown's Mill in the Town of Dover-Foxcroft, the departments shall notify the joint
9 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife
10 matters in writing prior to the changes being implemented.'

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

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This amendment, which replaces the bill with a resolve, directs the Department of
15 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources to enter into a
16 memorandum of understanding to establish a process to plan for actions to control and
17 prevent further spread of aquatic invasive species as fish passages are improved and fish
18 barriers are removed statewide. The amendment directs the departments to include a
19 requirement in the memorandum that the memorandum be updated at least every 5 years
20 and that the departments provide notice to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
21 having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters any time the memorandum is
22 reviewed and updated. The amendment also directs the departments to include a
23 requirement in the memorandum that if changes are planned that reduce commitments
24 outlined in the memorandum to control and prevent the further spread of aquatic invasive
25 species at the dam on the Penobscot River in the Town of Medway or the dam on the
26 Piscataquis River at Brown's Mill in the Town of Dover-Foxcroft, the joint standing
27 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters
28 must be notified in writing prior to the changes being implemented.

29 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

30 **(See attached)**