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### An Act To Strengthen Maine's Fisheries Laws

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Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered  
printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.  
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair and  
Senator: DUTREMBLE of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10001, sub-§6, ¶¶E and M**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414,  
3 Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, are repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10001, sub-§6, ¶T**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2  
5 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

6 T. White sucker, (*Catostomus commersoni*); and

7 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10001, sub-§6, ¶U**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 159, §1, is  
8 repealed.

9 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §10001, sub-§§16 and 18**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt.  
10 A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, are amended to read:

11 **16. Eel.** "Eel" means a member of the species *Anguilla rostrata* in that stage of its  
12 life cycle when it is 6 2 inches or more in length.

13 **18. Elver.** "Elver" means a member of the species *Anguilla rostrata* in that stage of  
14 its life cycle when it is less than 6 2 inches in length.

15 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §10001, sub-§36-A** is enacted to read:

16 **36-A. Lamprey eel.** "Lamprey eel" means the species *Petromyzon marinus* (sea  
17 lamprey).

18 **Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §10001, sub-§59-A** is enacted to read:

19 **59-A. Sucker.** "Sucker" means only the species *Catostomus commersoni* (white  
20 sucker) and the species *Catostomus catostomus* (longnose sucker).

21 **Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and  
22 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

23 **1. Conviction or adjudication of violation or noncompliance with a permit**  
24 **restriction.** ~~Any Noncompliance with a permit restriction or any~~ conviction or  
25 adjudication for a violation of this Part is grounds for suspension of any license or permit  
26 issued under this Part. Except where provided by law, the commissioner shall determine  
27 the suspension period. To suspend a license or permit based upon a conviction or  
28 adjudication, the commissioner shall follow the procedures under section 10903. A  
29 suspension or revocation of a license by the District Court is subject to the provisions of  
30 subsection 5.

31 **Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §12258**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected  
32 by Pt. D, §7 and c. 614, §9 and amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §§219 and 220 and affected by  
33 §422, is repealed.

34 **Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §12506, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

