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DEPARTMENT OF  
INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE  
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**Testimony of Judith Camuso, Commissioner  
Inland Fisheries & Wildlife**

**Before the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and  
the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries & Wildlife**

**"An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds  
for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law  
Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30,  
2025"**

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Good morning Senator Rotundo, Representative Gattine, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs; Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. My name is Judy Camuso, and I am the Commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. I am here today to testify in support of the supplemental budget bill, LD 209.

**Enforcement Operations – IF&W 0537**

The only Part A initiative for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in the FY25 Supplemental Budget not related to position reclassifications or reorganizations is listed on **page A-29** of the Budget document. This initiative provides funding for increased fees from the Department of Public Safety for dispatch services.

Maine Statutes, Title 25, subsection 1533 establishes the Bureau of Consolidated Emergency Communications within the Department of Public Safety. The bureau provides consolidated dispatch services to state, county, and local governments. The Department of Public Safety calculates user costs by compiling records of dispatch calls and calculates a percentage of the cost to each department. The Maine Warden Service receives about 20,000 calls for service per year, which is about 20% of total dispatch calls. The funds provided in this budget will cover fiscal year 2025 rate increases that occurred after the 24/25 Biennial Budget was enacted.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to address any questions you may have.