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An Act To Abolish the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HASKELL of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: SHAW of Standish.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-G, sub-§20**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. B, §4
3 and affected by c. 614, §9, is repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10104, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and
5 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

6 **1. Rules.** The commissioner may, ~~with the advice and consent of the advisory~~
7 ~~council and~~ in conformity with Title 5, Part 18, and except as otherwise provided, adopt,
8 amend and repeal reasonable rules, including emergency rules, necessary for the proper
9 administration, implementation, enforcement and interpretation of any provision of law
10 that the commissioner is charged with the duty of administering. These rules duly adopted
11 have the full force and effect of law and are effective upon filing with the Secretary of
12 State, unless a later date is required by statute or specified in the rule.

13 **Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10105, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and
14 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

15 **5. Boundary waters with New Hampshire and Canada.** The commissioner may
16 prescribe bag limits, size limits, open or closed seasons and methods of taking fish from
17 the inland boundary waters between the states of Maine and New Hampshire and
18 provinces of Canada. These rules must be mutually agreed upon by the commissioners of
19 Maine and New Hampshire and the fishery authorities of Canada ~~and approved by the~~
20 ~~Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.~~

21 **Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §10151**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 668, §2, is repealed.

22 **Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§5, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2
23 and affected by c. 614, §9, is repealed.

24 **Sec. 6. Maine Revised Statutes headnote amended; revision clause.** In the
25 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapter 903, subchapter 3, in the subchapter headnote,
26 the words "advisory council, boards and committees" are amended to read "advisory
27 boards and committees" and the Revisor of Statutes shall implement this revision when
28 updating, publishing or republishing the statutes.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill abolishes the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.