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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 163, L.D. 202, Bill, “An Act To Permit Tribal Members To Fish at Any Time for Sustenance”

Amend the bill in section 1 in §12451-A by striking out the indented paragraph and inserting the following:

'Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part, an enrolled member of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians may fish for, take and possess any fish at any time on public land in Aroostook County for sustenance use only as long as that member uses best efforts to comply with all fish and wildlife laws and rules. This section does not apply to a species identified as endangered under state or federal law. For purposes of this section, "sustenance use" means all noncommercial consumption or noncommercial use by the enrolled member or the enrolled member's immediate family or within the enrolled member's household.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report, limits the application of the provision in the bill regarding tribal member fishing rights to the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and limits the exercise of those rights to public land in Aroostook County. The amendment also requires that the activity be conducted with best efforts to comply with all fish and wildlife laws and rules.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)