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TO: Senator, Bill Diamond, Senate Chair
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Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Dennis Damon, Senate Chair *DD*
Representative Leila Percy, House Chair *LJP(ASD)*
Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

DATE: February 26, 2010

SUBJ: Addendum to the MAR committee's report on LD 1671 Supplemental Budget for
FY 2010 and 2011

This letter is an important addendum to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources' report to you on January 26, 2010 regarding matters related to the Department of Marine Resources in the Governor's supplemental budget (LD 1671). In our report, we neglected to state that many of the proposed reduction were to be a one-time savings and not ongoing savings. The department mentioned this in its testimony at the public hearing and again during our work sessions. It is extremely important to the department that these initiatives be one-time savings. As you recall, the committee voted 9-0 to accept the Governor's proposals pertaining to the department except for Part DDD. It was the committee's understanding that the one-time aspect of the initiatives listed below were included in that vote. Therefore, the committee voted 9-0 in support of the following initiatives being a one-time savings:

Part A Section 39

- Bureau of Resource Management 0027 (Ref#1131) – Reduction of funding for librarian services and delays routine maintenance on Boothbay Harbor Facility;
- Bureau of Resource Management 0027 (Ref# 1132) – Reduction in funding for research contract with the University of Maine;
- Division of Community Resources Development 0043 (Ref# 1142) – Transfers one Resource Management Coordinator position from the Division of Community Resource

Development program, General Fund to the Office of the Commissioner program, Other Special Revenue Fund;

- Bureau of Marine Patrol 0029 (Ref# 1137 and 1138) – Transfers one Marine Mechanic Specialist position from General Fund to Other Special Revenue Funds within the same program;
- Bureau of Marine Patrol 0029 (Ref# 1140) Reduces funding for patrol travel by marine patrol officers; and
- Office of the Commissioner 0258 (Ref# 1147) Transfers one Resource Management Coordinator position from the Division of Community Resource Development program, General Fund to the Office of the Commissioner program, Other Special Revenue Funds.

Thank you for considering this important matter and we trust you will agree that these items should only be one-time savings initiatives.

cc: Patrick Norton, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis