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An Act To List the Shortnose Sturgeon as a Marine Endangered Species

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6975, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 573, §1, is amended to read:

7. Atlantic ridley turtle. Atlantic ridley turtle, *Lepidochelys kempii*, endangered; and

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6975, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 573, §1, is amended to read:

8. Loggerhead turtle. Loggerhead turtle, *Caretta caretta*, threatened; and

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6975, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Shortnose sturgeon. Shortnose sturgeon, *Acipenser brevirostrum*, endangered.

SUMMARY

This bill adds shortnose sturgeon, which is listed as an endangered species by the United States Secretary of the Interior, to Maine's endangered species list. This action authorizes the inclusion of shortnose sturgeon in the Department of Marine Resources' Section 6 Cooperative Agreement with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which allows federally funded research of this endangered species in state waters.