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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 325, L.D. 1033, “An Act To Allow Sunday Hunting on Private Property with the Written Permission of the Landowner”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Examine Sunday Hunting'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Review. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall establish a stakeholder group to examine issues related to allowing Sunday hunting.

Sec. 2. Stakeholder group. Resolved: That the department shall ensure that the stakeholder group established under section 1 is as broadly representative of interested parties and groups as possible and shall invite participation from at least the following: representatives of farmers, small landowners and large landowners; supporters and opponents of Sunday hunting opportunities; hunters and nonhunters; guides; persons or entities from diverse geographic regions of the State; and others with interest or expertise in the subject matter of the examination. The department shall hire a facilitator to assist the stakeholder group in its work under this resolve.

Sec. 3. Survey. Resolved: That, to the extent the department receives adequate funding under section 4, the department, in consultation with the stakeholder group established under section 1, shall develop and complete an appropriate public opinion survey relating to the subject matter of the examination under section 1.

Sec. 4. Outside funding. Resolved: That the department may seek and accept outside funding to fund the survey under section 3.

Sec. 5. Report. Resolved: That the department shall report the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group established under section 1 together with the results of any survey completed under section 3 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Fisheries and Wildlife by January 3, 2022. The committee may report out a bill related to
2 Sunday hunting to the 130th Legislature.

3 **Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
4 appropriations and allocations are made.

5 **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF**
6 **Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0529**

7 Initiative: Provides an appropriation to hire a facilitator for a stakeholder group tasked with
8 examining issues related to allowing Sunday hunting.

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| 9 | GENERAL FUND | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
| 10 | All Other | \$15,000 | \$0 |
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| 12 | GENERAL FUND TOTAL | <u>\$15,000</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

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14 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
15 number to read consecutively.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that does the following.

18 1. It directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a stakeholder
19 group to examine issues related to allowing Sunday hunting.

20 2. It directs the department to ensure that the stakeholder group is as broadly
21 representative of interested parties and groups as possible and invite participation from at
22 least the following: representatives of farmers, small landowners and large landowners;
23 supporters and opponents of Sunday hunting opportunities; hunters and nonhunters; guides;
24 persons or entities from diverse geographic regions of the State; and others with interest or
25 expertise in the subject matter of the examination.

26 3. It requires the department to hire a facilitator to assist the stakeholder group in its
27 work.

28 4. It directs the department, in consultation with the stakeholder group, to develop and
29 complete a survey relating to the subject matter of the examination, if the department
30 receives adequate outside funding to fund the survey. It allows the department to seek and
31 accept outside funding to fund the survey.

32 5. It directs the department to report the findings and recommendations of the
33 stakeholder group to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by
34 January 3, 2022. The committee is authorized to report out a bill related to Sunday hunting
35 to the 130th Legislature.

36 6. It provides an appropriations and allocations section to provide funds to hire the
37 facilitator.

38 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

39 **(See attached)**