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

**'Resolve, To Direct the Department of Marine Resources To Study the
Issues Surrounding the Harvest of Bait Fish within Territorial Waters'**

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

'Sec. 1 Harvest of bait fish within territorial waters of the State. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Marine Resources shall conduct, within the existing budget of the Department of Marine Resources, a study of the harvest of bait fish within the territorial waters of the State and develop a plan to address the issues surrounding the harvest of bait fish; and be it further

Sec. 2 Report. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Marine Resources shall report the findings, recommendations and plan developed as a result of the study to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources by January 4, 2010. The report must also contain a series of regulatory options that may be used to implement the commissioner's recommendations and plan; and be it further

Sec. 3 Authority to submit legislation. Resolved: That the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources may submit legislation relating to the study to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve and directs the Commissioner of Marine Resources to study, within the existing budget of the Department of Marine Resources, the issues surrounding the harvest of bait fish within the territorial waters of the State and to report findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources by January 4, 2010. The amendment also authorizes the committee to submit legislation related to the study to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)