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

**'Resolve, To Provide for the Long-term Funding of
Programs of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife'**

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

'Sec. 1 Identify funding solutions. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall consult with hunting and fishing groups, environmental and conservation groups and other interested parties to identify long-term funding sources other than the license, permit and registration revenues currently realized by the department and to develop language and a strategy for amending the Constitution of Maine to protect funding for those programs administered by the department that are not related to hunting, fishing or trapping; and be it further

Sec. 2 Report. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife on the findings and recommendations developed pursuant to section 1, including any implementing legislation, by January 5, 2010. The Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature regarding matters contained in the report.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the resolution and directs the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to consult with hunting and fishing groups, environmental and conservation groups and other interested parties to identify long-term funding sources for the department other than the revenues currently realized by the department and to develop language and a strategy for amending the Constitution of Maine to protect funding for those programs administered by the department that are not related to hunting, fishing or trapping. It also requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 5, 2010 and authorizes that committee to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature regarding matters contained in the report.