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An Act To Allow Smelt Fishing in Metallak Brook, Upper Richardson Lake

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the smelting season is now open; and

Whereas, to allow people to fish for smelt on Metallak Brook during this season this legislation needs to take effect immediately; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12460-B is enacted to read:

§ 12460-B. Smelt fishing in Metallak Brook in Oxford County

Notwithstanding section 12456, a person may fish for smelt by use of a dip net in Metallak Brook, a tributary of Upper Richardson Lake, within Township 4, Range 1, WBKP, Oxford County. A person may not:

1. Exceed daily bag limit. Exceed the daily bag limit of 2 quarts per person. A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime; or

2. Harvest for commercial purposes. Harvest smelt for commercial purposes. A person who violates this subsection commits a Class D crime for which a fine of not less than \$1,000 may be adjudged.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

This bill allows smelting on Metallak Brook, a tributary of Upper Richardson Lake in Oxford County.