

Report Back on:

CHAPTER 53 RESOLVES

S.P. 429 – L.D. 1202

TITLE: “Resolve, To Ensure the Stocking of Inland Waters in the State”

Provided By:

THE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Prepared For:

THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

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SUBJECT: A report back to the Committee regarding its progress on meeting the provisions of L.D. 1202

Good afternoon Senator Davis, Representative Duchesne and honorable members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. I am Todd Langevin, Superintendent of Hatcheries from the Department Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. I am here today to provide the Department’s report back on L.D. 1202.

During the 127th Session of the Maine State Legislature, the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife unanimously supported L.D. 1202, “Resolve, To Ensure the Stocking of Inland Waters in the State”. It authorized that during fiscal year 2015-16 the Department may spend up to \$700,000 from its carrying account to conduct engineering studies on hatchery infrastructure and provide additional fish for the Department’s stocking program. The Department and the HDR engineering firm were able to complete this assignment and provide a report back to the Committee.

This report builds upon the previous Comprehensive Statewide Fish Hatchery System Engineering Study completed in 2002 by FishPro Inc. (now part of HDR Inc.). HDR was selected to complete the latest engineering studies report that is before you. The current study thoroughly addresses the specific points of interest identified in the resolve (part #1 & #2 of Sec. 1) and provides both recommendations and cost estimates which include a number of optional add-ons. The cost of the study conducted by HDR totaled \$140,784.

With respect to the third part of Sec. 1 in the resolve regarding the purchase of fish, the Department has awarded a \$53,000 contract to Mountain Springs Trout Farm to provide an

additional 5,000 pounds (5,000 fish) of fall yearling brook trout (12-14") which will be stocked during the fall of 2016. The Department has also increased in-house production of fish within its own facilities and anticipates stocking an additional 23,000 pounds (45,000 fish) of fish during the spring and fall of 2016.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.