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**An Act To Establish a Permanent Appointment of a Member of the  
Wabanaki Tribes to the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory  
Council**

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative NEWELL of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.  
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and  
Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, HEPLER of  
Woolwich, McDONALD of Stonington, PERRY of Calais, Senators: CURRY of Waldo, DILL  
of Penobscot.

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10151, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 375, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Appointment.** The Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council, established by Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 20 and referred to in this Part as the "advisory council," consists of 11 members, with 10 members representing the 16 counties of the State in the following manner: one member representing Androscoggin County, Kennebec County and Sagadahoc County; one member representing Aroostook County; one member representing Cumberland County; one member representing Franklin County and Oxford County; one member representing Hancock County; one member representing Knox County, Lincoln County and Waldo County; one member representing Penobscot County; one member representing Piscataquis County and Somerset County; one member representing Washington County; and one member representing York County. The 11th member must be a member of the Wabanaki Tribes. Members of the advisory council are appointed by the Governor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over fisheries and wildlife matters and to confirmation by the Legislature. The Governor shall appoint the member who is a member of the Wabanaki Tribes based on the recommendation of the tribal governments of the Wabanaki Tribes, including the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Motahmikuk, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik and the Penobscot Nation. In recommending the appointment of the member who is a member of the Wabanaki Tribes, the tribal governments of the Wabanaki Tribes shall establish a process that provides for the membership to rotate among the tribal governments. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee is a nonvoting, ex officio member of the advisory council, but may vote to break a tie.

An employee of the department may not serve as a member of the advisory council prior to the expiration of one year from that employee's last day of employment with the department. A Legislator may not serve as a member of the advisory council. A former Legislator who was a member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over fisheries and wildlife matters may not serve as a member of the advisory council prior to the expiration of one year from that former Legislator's last day of membership on that committee.

## SUMMARY

This bill increases the membership of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council by adding a member who represents the Wabanaki Tribes.