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An Act Implementing a Fisheries Permit Banking Program

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6022, sub-§17 is enacted to read:

17. Permit banking program. The commissioner may administer a permit banking program in which the department holds federal limited access fishing permits and distributes the rights associated with those permits to eligible residents of the State with the goal of restoring and preserving access to federally managed fisheries. The commissioner may lease fisheries allocations, as required, to fund the costs associated with the permit banking program.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Resource Management 0027

Initiative: Allocates funds for one Resource Management Coordinator position and related All Other to administer a permit banking program for the groundfish industry.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2011-12	2012-13
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$13,053	\$78,319
All Other	\$2,772	\$10,926
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$15,825	\$89,245

Effective 90 days following adjournment of the 125th
Legislature, First Regular Session, unless otherwise indicated.