

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

H.P. 1141 - L.D. 1579

An Act To Create a Limited Fish Stocking Permit

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12510, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Limited permit. The commissioner may issue a written limited permit to a local government under this subsection. A limited permit:

A. Allows the local government to introduce fish only into a great pond that:

(1) Is within the jurisdiction of the local government; and

(2) Was previously stocked by the department and in which stocking was suspended prior to January 1, 2019 and has not been resumed by the department due to inadequate public access;

B. Allows the introduction of only:

(1) The same species of fish that was stocked at the time the department suspended stocking; and

(2) Fish obtained by the local government at its own expense from an in-state commercial facility that meets testing and health guidelines approved by the department; and

C. May be issued only if the local government identifies public access to the great pond that:

(1) Is at least suitable for the hand carrying of boats to the water;

(2) Includes a parking area; and

(3) Has been marked with signage adequate to ensure public awareness of the public access.

For purposes of this subsection, "local government" means a municipality or, in the unorganized territory, a county.