



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 4, 2013

To: Senator Dutremble Chair
Representative Shaw Chair
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

From: Chandler Woodcock, Commissioner

Subject: Letter regarding L.D. 618 in lieu of testimony.

Dear Committee Members,

LD 618 would remove the statute that stops whitewater outfitters who are affiliated from running rafts on allocated rivers. Currently not more than one affiliated group may conduct commercial whitewater trips on any river or stretch of river that is allocated in some way, even on days when an allocation is not required.

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife remains neutral on this issue as it is an industry/business related topic. If it were to pass it is uncertain what if any impact it would have on the way the department works with the whitewater outfitters.

If you have any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact Christl Theriault, Assistant to the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife at 287-1197.