

1 Committee of Conference Report on HB 1299, relative to the process for the importation of wildlife
2 and creating an appeal process for denials of permits.

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4 Recommendation:

5 That the House recede from its position of nonconcurrency with the Senate amendment, and
6 concur with the Senate amendment, and

7 That the Senate and House adopt the following new amendment to the bill as amended by the
8 Senate, and pass the bill as so amended:

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10 Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

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12 2 General Provisions as to Fish and Game; Import, Possession or Release of Wildlife. Amend
13 RSA 207:14, I to read as follows:

14 I. **(a)** No person shall import, possess, sell, exhibit, or release any live marine species or
15 wildlife, or the eggs or progeny thereof, without first obtaining a permit from the executive director
16 except as permitted under title XVIII. The executive director shall have the authority to determine
17 the time period and any other conditions governing the issuance of such permit. ~~[The executive~~
18 ~~director may refuse to issue a permit if he determines that such issuance may pose significant~~
19 ~~disease, genetic, ecological, environmental, health, safety, or welfare risks to persons, marine species~~
20 ~~or wildlife.] *The chief of the wildlife division shall respond to a request for a permit within*~~
21 *60 days of a submission for a final request. The permit shall be granted within 60 days of*
22 *the request, unless the chief of the wildlife division determines in writing that issuing a*
23 *permit may pose a significant disease, genetic, ecological, environmental, health, safety, or*
24 *welfare risk to persons, marine species, or wildlife.*

25 **(b)** *Any person who is denied a permit under subparagraph (a) may appeal the*
26 *decision in writing to the executive director within 60 days of the denial. The executive*
27 *director shall respond to the appeal within 60 days.*

28 **(c)** *The executive director shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A to implement*
29 *the provisions of this paragraph.*

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The signatures below attest to the authenticity of this Report on HB 1299, relative to the process for the importation of wildlife and creating an appeal process for denials of permits.

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Conferees on the Part of the House

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