

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1768

House of Representatives, January 2, 1974

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Brown of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

AN ACT Providing Funds for Marine Research.

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

Sec. 1. Marine research. The Department of Marine Resources is authorized to conduct marine research in the following areas:

1. General physical, chemical and biological oceanography associated with plankton production in the Gulf of Maine;
2. Biological, chemical and physical factors associated with toxic blooms of algae;
3. General ecology of the seaweeds in the Gulf of Maine;
4. Energetics of primary herbivores in the marine ecosystem;
5. Estuarine and intercoastal processes in the Gulf of Maine;
6. Remote sensing of marine biological processes;
7. Administration costs.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated the sum of \$200,000 from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Personal Services

1974-75

(13) \$190,000

All Other

10,000

\$200,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

Increasing demands on Maine's over-exploited and underutilized marine resources and the continuing need for critical assessment of increasing ecological impacts on the marine environment create the need for significantly increased research into the protection and management of the State's marine resources and the ecological processes of the marine environment.