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MARINE RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 782, L.D. 1059, Bill, "An Act To Authorize the Establishment of an Apprentice License for the Maine Scallop Fishery"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6702, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Apprentice license. The department may adopt rules to establish an apprentice program for entry into the scallop fishery that includes an apprentice license for a resident who is 18 years of age or older to engage in dragging for scallops under the supervision of a person licensed under this section. The fee for an apprentice scallop dragging license is \$250. The commissioner shall deposit license fees collected in this subsection into the Scallop Research Fund under section 6729-A. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6729-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 607, Pt. A, §13, is further amended to read:

1. Uses of fund. The commissioner shall use the fund for research directly related to scallop fishery management information needs, for implementation of scallop management measures and, for reporting to licensed scallop harvesters on the results of research and the use of fund revenues and for the administration of an apprentice program established pursuant to section 6702, subsection 7. The commissioner may authorize the expenditure of money in the fund for research and development programs that address the restoration, development or conservation of scallop resources. The commissioner shall consult with the Scallop Advisory Council under section 6729-B before deciding upon research projects and awarding grants from the fund. The fund may also be used for support of the Scallop Advisory Council, including reimbursement for travel expenses.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §6729-A, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 319, §2, is amended to read:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 **2. Sources of revenue.** The fund is capitalized by license fees and surcharges
 2 assessed under section 6702, subsection 7 and section 6729. In addition to those
 3 revenues, the commissioner may accept and deposit in the fund money from any other
 4 source, public or private.

5 **Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
 6 allocations are made.

7 **MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

8 **Bureau of Marine Science 0027**

9 Initiative: Provides an ongoing allocation for the administration of an apprentice license
 10 program, research and development programs that address the restoration, development
 11 or conservation of scallop resources.

12	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2019-20	2020-21
13	All Other	\$0	\$25,000
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15	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$25,000
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17 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
 18 section number to read consecutively.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment specifies that license fees collected for an apprentice scallop
 21 dragging license are to be deposited into the Scallop Research Fund and it clarifies that
 22 the fund may be used for the administrative costs associated with an apprentice program
 23 for entry into the scallop fishery.

24 The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
 (See attached)



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LD 1059

LR 1681(02)

An Act To Authorize the Establishment of an Apprentice License for the Maine Scallop Fishery

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-114)*

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill allows the Department of Marine Resources to adopt rules establishing an apprentice program for entry into the scallop fishery and to create an apprentice scallop dragging license. The department has indicated that after rulemaking is complete in fiscal year 2020-21 approximately 50 applicants would apply for the \$250 apprentice scallop dragging license, generating \$12,500 in Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the Scallop Research Fund (SRF). Each apprentice license also requires an existing scallop dragger license holder to pay a \$250 surcharge, generating another \$12,500 to the SRF. This bill also includes an ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$25,000 starting in fiscal year 2020-21 to allow for the expenditure of the funds in the SRF for administration of the apprenticeship program, research and development programs that address the restoration, development or conservation of scallop resources.