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**Resolve, Directing the Department of Marine Resources to Evaluate
How to Effectively Allow 2 Licensed Individuals to Fish for Lobsters
or Scallops from a Single Vessel**

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on March 28, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative EATON of Deer Isle and
Senators: CURRY of Waldo, MOORE of Washington, RENY of Lincoln, TEPLER of
Sagadahoc, Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, GOLEK of Harpswell,
HEPLER of Woolwich, TUELL of East Machias.

Sec. 1. Operation from single vessel review; lobster fishery. Resolved: That the Department of Marine Resources shall evaluate how 2 individuals who each hold a valid Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license may fish for or take lobsters from a single vessel without this resulting in increased harvest. In completing its review, the department may consult with and seek input from the Lobster Advisory Council established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6462-A and lobster management policy councils established pursuant to Title 12, section 6447. The department shall convey findings and recommendations to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Sec. 2. Operation from single vessel review; scallop fishery. Resolved: That the Department of Marine Resources shall evaluate how 2 individuals who each hold a scallop dragging license may fish for or take scallops from a single vessel without this resulting in increased harvest. The department shall convey findings and recommendations to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Marine Resources shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources by January 14, 2026 describing the review process in sections 1 and 2. The report must include information on the department's consultation with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and may include suggested legislation. The committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Marine Resources to evaluate how 2 licensed individuals may fish for or take lobsters from a single vessel or fish for or take scallops from a single vessel without this resulting in an increased harvest. The department must convey findings and recommendations to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission as part of the department's review. The department is directed to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources no later than January 14, 2026 and authorizes the committee to report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.