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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12551-A, sub-§6, ¶B, as amended by PL 2023, c. 431, §§18 and 19 and affected by §23, is further amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) Take eels; or

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §12551-A, sub-§6, ¶B, as amended by PL 2023, c. 431, §§18 and 19 and affected by §23, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (5).

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 249

H.P. 1053 - L.D. 1595

An Act to Strengthen Working Waterfronts Against Nuisance Complaints Regarding Aquaculture

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §2807, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 99, §1, is amended to read:

A. "Commercial fishing activity" means an activity directly related to a commercial ~~fishing~~ fisheries business as defined in Title 12, section 6001, subsection 6-A or a commercial activity commonly associated with or supportive of commercial fishing or aquaculture, such as the manufacture or sale of ice, bait, traps, cages or nets or the manufacture, installation or repair of boats, engines or other equipment commonly used on boats or in facilities that involve the catching, transporting, buying, selling or processing of seafood for commercial purposes.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §2807, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 99, §1, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 250

H.P. 1116 - L.D. 1681

An Act to Consider Municipal Shelter Facilities and Housing Projects Essential for Public Health, Welfare and Safety by Updating the Definition of "Public Service Infrastructure"

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5903, sub-§8-A, as amended by PL 2001, c. 90, §3, is further amended to read:

8-A. Public service infrastructure. "Public service infrastructure" means those facilities that are essential for public health, welfare and safety. Those facilities include, without limitation, sewage treatment facilities, municipal water supply and treatment facilities, solid waste facilities, public safety equipment and facilities, roads, traffic control devices and other transportation facilities, sidewalks, trees, buried utility lines and other streetscape improvements, parks and other open space or recreational areas, public access to coastal and inland waters, geographic information systems, municipal shelter facilities and housing projects managed and operated by a municipality or a municipal housing authority, as defined in section 4702, subsection 10-A, and any other public facility that benefits the public.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 251

H.P. 1143 - L.D. 1708

An Act to Create the Commercial Fishing Safety Fund to Further Develop Training and Provide Equipment to Recover Ships and Other Watercraft and Persons in Distress or Lost at Sea

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6035-A is enacted to read:

§6035-A. Commercial Fishing Safety Fund

The Commercial Fishing Safety Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the department.

1. Sources. The commissioner may receive donations and funding from any source on behalf of the fund. All money received into the fund must be used for the purposes of the fund.

2. Use of fund. The commissioner shall use the fund to support activities related to improving safety in the commercial fishing industry and improving the department's ability to conduct search and rescue and recovery operations, including the acquisition of necessary equipment. The commissioner shall consult with the Commercial Fishing Safety Council established in section 6034 in making expenditures from the fund.

3. Interest and balances credited to fund. Any interest earned on the money in the fund must be credited to the fund. Unexpended balances in the fund at the