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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature. The summaries are arranged alphabetically, and indexed separately by committee.

1969 AN ACT TO GIVE THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES THE AUTHORITY TO CHARGE FEES FOR LOBSTER TRAP TAGS Scarpino (OIP-ND) (SEE LD 2237)

SUMMARY: Enacted in new draft, ID 2237 (c. 687). Authorizes the Commissioner of DMR to establish charges for lobster trap tag charges. New draft sets a \$.50 ceiling on tag fees and provides a 2 yr. sunset.

1975 AN ACT TO PERMIT POSSESSION OF SOFT-SHELL CLAM STOCKS 2 INCHES OR GREATER IN THE LARGEST DIAMETER PL 1983, C. 838 APRIL 30, 1984 (MAJ OIP-AM) (MIN OIP-AM) (MIN CNIP)

SUMMARY: Establishes a 2" limit on soft-shelled clams. Amended to make towns solely responsible for enforcement of ordinances and to give town wardens power to arrest, serve process and search w/ probable cause. Majority report was accepted. Amendment HE (H-537) deletes specific nonresident license setasides and makes the 2" provision effective in midsummer '84 with a tolerance of 30%. Amendment SA (S-423) revised the setaside of license fees downward from 75% to 53%.

1985 AN ACT RELATING TO SCALLOP FISHING Vose PL 1983, C. 685 APRIL 2, 1984 (MAJ OIP-AM) (MIN CNIP)

SUMMARY: Allows the commissioner of DMR to make emergency changes in the scallop season to avoid gear conflict. Majority report was accepted. Amendment CA (H-526) removes the limitation on drag size.

1991 AN ACT TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON FISHING BY WEIRS. PURSE AND STOP SEINES AND TO PROVIDE NOTICE FOR THE LOCATION OF WEIRS AND THEIR MAINTENANCE PL 1983, C. 731 APRIL 10, 1984 (MAJ OIP-AM) (MIN CNIP)

SUMMARY: Changes the licensing and regulation of fish weirs. Amendments lift ban on purse seining in Washington Cty; require that weirs be in operating condition in order to gain the protection zone; and extend protection zone on existing weirs to a one mile radius. Amendments CA (H-527) and HB/CA (H-585) accepted. Majority report was accepted.