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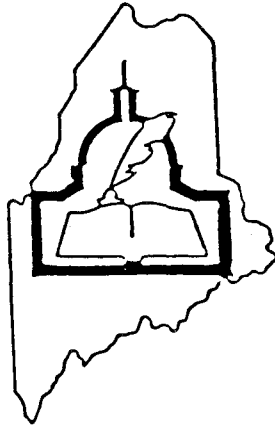
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
MARINE RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
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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 First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

SUMMARY:

New draft of LD924. The original bill proposed a special license for the commercial operation of soft-shelled clam dredges. The new draft allows the use of such dredges only for onsite aquacultural operations, educational or scientific purposes, or municipal transplanting projects. Commercial harvesting of wild clams is specifically prohibited.

LD: 1548 AN ACT TO CLARIFY AND CORRECT CERTAIN LAWS
EMERGENCY RELATING TO MARINE RESOURCES LAWS
ND of 877

CROWLEY
CHALMERS
SHUTE
RUHLIN

HOUSE Emerg. Enacted
SENATE Emerg. Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 268

H-188 HA CROWLEY H S

SUMMARY:

New draft of LD877. The original bill proposed several changes to marine resources law dealing with the enforcement of salmon fishing law, LORAN boundaries of limited lobstering areas, and obsolete herring size restrictions. The new draft corrected several typos in the original bill and added several new changes. These included a change to allow the Commissioner (DMR) to open closed clam flats through non-emergency procedures, a change to allow the Commissioner to share fisheries statistics with the National Marine Fisheries Service, and a change to provide for free salmon licenses for Maine Indians and residents under 16 years of age. A floor amendment (H-188) corrected further typos in the LORAN boundaries specified in the new draft.

LD: 1549 AN ACT TO GUARANTEE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO SOFT-SHELL CLAM RESOURCES
ND of 547

CONNERS
BIGLEY

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 259

SUMMARY:

New draft of LD 547. The original bill proposed the repeal of municipal licensing of soft-shell clam harvesting and the establishment of a single statewide clam license costing \$150. The new state revenues were to be used to support municipal conservation programs through a grant mechanism. Testimony at the public hearing generally opposed the bill on the grounds of eroding local control. Support came from those who have historically been excluded from the coastal

towns with restrictive ordinances. The new draft represents a compromise that mandates a 10% set aside of municipal licenses for nonresidents. This has historically been followed by most coast towns with ordinances and had almost been included in the "2 inch clam" law adopted by the 2nd Regular Session of the 111th Legislature.

LD: 1552 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF LOBSTER FUND
EMERGENCY MONEY TO PROVIDE FOR LOBSTER HATCHERIES
ND of 1067

CHALMERS
CONNERS
COLES
CROWLEY

HOUSE Emerg. Enacted
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PUBLIC
CH # 237

SUMMARY: -

New draft of LD 1067. The original bill authorized the Commissioner (DMR) to expend money from the Lobster Fund for programs which "address the restoration, development or conservation of lobster resources" with the advice and consent of the Lobster Advisory Council. The new draft incorporates the general authorizing language of the original bill and adds specific authority for a lobster hatchery program. The committee specifically rejected the proposal to give the Lobster Advisory Council "advice and consent" authority over Lobster Fund expenditures as inconsistent with its general mandate. The new draft requires only that the Commissioner consult with the Lobster Advisory Council on the expenditures from the Lobster Fund.

LD: 1620 AN ACT TO EXAMINE THE LOBSTER RESOURCES OF
THE STATE
ND of 1352

SCARPINO

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
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PUBLIC
CH # 353

S-188 SA CHALMERS H S

SUMMARY:

New draft of LD 1352. The original bill proposed the establishment of a general hatcheries program, a habitat development and protection program, cooperative research and a fisheries extension service. These programs were to be funded by license fee increases. The bill further proposed upgrading all coastal water quality classifications to a minimum of "SB-2". The new draft removes all of the original language and substitutes, with a new title, an allocation of \$40,000 from the Lobster Fund to support an objective assessment of the scientific literature on lobster