

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
MARINE RESOURCES**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

## Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

### **LD 9 An Act to Revise the Lobster Measure**

LV/WD

**SPONSOR(S)**

VOSE  
TOWNSEND  
LOOK

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

LV/WD

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would have repealed the schedule of increases in the allowable minimum lobster size in effect on January 1, 1990 and enacted a minimum lobster size of 3 3/16 inches. The bill provided for a schedule of annual lobster minimum size increases to become effective if the Attorney General certified by January 1, 1992 that the Canadian and United States governments had implemented minimum lobster size standards that were at least as restrictive as those set forth in this bill. If the Attorney General certified that this action had occurred, the minimum lobster size would have increased by 1/32 of an inch each year for 4 years beginning on January 1, 1992.

### **LD 52 An Act to Change the Scalloping Season**

LV/WD

**SPONSOR(S)**

VOSE  
TOWNSEND  
CONSTANTINE  
LOOK

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

LV/WD

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill would have extended the period of time during which scallop harvesting is prohibited.

### **LD 76 An Act Regarding Aquaculture (Reported by the Subcommittee to Study Salmon Aquaculture in Maine)**

**PUBLIC 381  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-373  
H-547 MITCHELL J

#### **SUMMARY**

The original bill was the unanimous report of the Subcommittee to Study Salmon Aquaculture in Maine of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources authorized under Joint Rule 19. The bill, as amended, implements the statutory recommendations of the study subcommittee.

The bill, as amended by committee amendment "A" (H-373), requires aquaculture leases for all finfish and suspension aquaculture and coordinates the leasing programs of the Department of Marine Resources and the Bureau of Public Lands.

The amended bill also prohibits the importation of live salmon or salmon eggs (exclusive of rainbow trout) from Icelandic and European waters and from any area west of the north american continental divide. Aquaculturalists with these stocks already in the State are given until 1995 to use their existing stocks.

The amended bill authorizes a permit-by-rule program within the Department of Marine Resources to reduce