

# 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  
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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.

Resources on the biological and economic effects of an increase in the minimum lobster size prior to the effective date of the increase.

**LD 249 An Act to Make Changes in the Quahog Tax Laws**

**PUBLIC 561**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LOOK VOSE TOWNSEND	OTP-AM	H-107

**SUMMARY**

This bill established a dedicated "Toxin Monitoring Fund" to be administered by the Department of Marine Resources to provide toxin testing of quahog beds along Maine's coastal waters.

Committee amendment "A" (H-107) replaced the bill. The amendment established a nonlapsing Toxin Monitoring Fund within the Department of Marine Resources to fund the collection of samples for the monitoring of paralytic shellfish toxin in mahogany quahogs. The Toxin Monitoring Fund is a dedicated account, funded by the mahogany quahog tax under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 714, and is capped at \$16,000 per year. Revenues collected under the mahogany quahog tax in excess of \$16,000, plus any cost incurred by the State Tax Assessor for administering the tax, are returned to the General Fund.

**LD 316 An Act to Conform Seasonal Restrictions on Mussel Dragging to Those Governing Scallop Harvesting**

**LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
RUHLIN BRAWN MITCHELL J TOWNSEND	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to change the mussel season to conform to the scallop season. This bill was intended to decrease the damage to lobster traps and gear that is caused by mussel dragging in the summer.

**LD 353 An Act to Ensure Adequate Stocking of Washington County Atlantic Salmon Rivers**

**ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
VOSE TOWNSEND LOOK	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to require the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission to allocate a minimum of 15% of its total Atlantic salmon smolt production to Washington County Atlantic salmon rivers in any year it conducts a stocking program.