

# 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.

**LD 1181 An Act Regarding Taking Scallops in the Swan's Island Cable Area**

**PUBLIC 301**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
VOSE  
GOULD R R  
MITCHELL J  
FARREN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-183

**SUMMARY**

The bill proposed to allow scallops to be taken in the Swan's Island cable area by any means other than by towing a drag or trawl. Committee amendment "A", which replaced the bill, authorizes the Commissioner of Marine Resources to adopt rules that permit scalloping in that area, except that the use of drags more than 30 inches wide and drag ropes more than 3/8 inch in diameter are prohibited.

**LD 1183 An Act Regarding the Relaying of Shellfish**

**PUBLIC 168**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
VOSE  
GOULD R R  
MITCHELL J  
FARREN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-88

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows the harvesting of shellfish from closed areas designated for the purposes of relaying upon written approval by the Commissioner of Marine Resources.

Committee amendment "A" (S-88) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1226 An Act to Foster Marine Research**

**PUBLIC 285**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
VOSE  
GOULD R R  
MITCHELL J  
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**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-148  
S-164 VOSE

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows the Department of Marine Resources to establish a revolving fund for purposes of marine research.

Committee amendment "A" (S-148) limits research funded by the marine research fund only to research that provides information on stock levels and environments of commercially and recreationally valuable marine and anadromous fish organisms or solving particular problems that relate to the State's commercial, marine recreational and anadromous fishing industry. Funding of company-specific research is prohibited. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate amendment "A" (S-164) adds an allocation section to the bill.