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STATE OF MAINE
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BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
MARINE RESOURCES

JULY 2000

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
July 2000

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CON RES XXX..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES..... House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP..... Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED..... Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

LD 129

An Act to Prohibit the Harvesting of Elvers

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HARRIMAN HONEY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 129 proposed to prohibit the harvesting of elvers by making it illegal to take, possess or sell eel that is less than 6 inches in length.

LD 173

An Act to Outlaw the Use of Fyke Nets in the Taking of Elvers

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> RUHLIN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 173 proposed to prohibit the use of fyke nets to fish for or take elvers.

LD 871

An Act to Amend the Process for Granting Aquaculture Leases

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SMALL		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 871 proposed to require the Department of Marine Resources, in considering the issuance of aquaculture leases in areas in which pollution has created conditions that adversely affect traditional fisheries, to make an assessment of any pollution abatement activities that may be occurring and when the area may be suitable again for traditional fisheries. If the department found that a polluted area would be sufficiently cleansed to support fishing uses within a year of the application, it would be required to make this finding clear in all notices of the hearing on the lease. The department could not issue a lease for a polluted area if the area would be suitable for fishing uses within one year of the application and the department found that the aquaculture project would unreasonably interfere with future fishing uses of the area.