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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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

**JULY 1999**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees**  
**August 1999**

We are pleased to provide this summary of all 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](http://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:

*CARRIED OVER*.....Bill carried over to Second Regular Session  
*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  
*ENACTMENT FAILED*..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage  
*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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

**LD 1628**

**An Act to Change the Provisions of the Lobster License Apprentice Program**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOLDTHWAIT	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 1628 proposed to allow the Commissioner of Marine Resources to waive one year of the lobster apprentice program for each three years the applicant has of practical lobster fishing experience as a holder of a Class I lobster and crab fishing license.

**LD 1634**

**An Act to Allow Certain Aquaculture Activities by Rule**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOLDTHWAIT		

LD 1634 proposes to allow the Commissioner of Marine Resources to approve by rule certain limited-purpose aquaculture lease applications for commercial research and development or scientific research.

**LD 1827**

**An Act to Establish the North Atlantic Cold Water Observatory**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE		

LD 1827 proposes to establish the North Atlantic Cold Water Observatory to research the conditions of the North Atlantic Ocean, including its fisheries and climate.

**LD 1829**

**An Act to Establish a License for the Marine Shrimp Fishery**

**PUBLIC 491**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOLDTHWAIT HONEY	OTP-AM	S-153

LD 1829 proposed to establish a commercial shrimp permit for the commercial shrimp fishery and to require a person to hold both a commercial fishing license and a commercial shrimp permit in order to fish for shrimp. It proposed to establish the Shrimp Management Fund into which proceeds from the sale of a commercial shrimp permit would be deposited. The bill also proposed to require a person to hold a wholesale seafood license with a shrimp permit in order to buy, sell, ship or transport shrimp

The bill proposed to provide that if reporting in the fishery is required, failure to provide reports would be cause for nonrenewal of a shrimp permit or a wholesale seafood license with a shrimp permit. This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Marine Resources.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-153)** proposed to establish a commercial shrimp license for the commercial shrimp fishery. It proposed to specify that a member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe is not required to hold a state commercial shrimp license if the member holds a tribal license to conduct the activities authorized under the state license.