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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Marine Resources*

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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 committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name 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:

<i>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i>	<i>Bills carried over to the 2nd Regular Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP-ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i>	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

LD 1368

An Act Concerning Age Requirements for Student, Apprentice and Noncommercial Lobster Licenses

PUBLIC 468

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BULL	OTP-AM MAJ	H-276
DAMON	ONTP MIN	S-299 CATHCART

LD 1368 proposed to amend the laws concerning age requirements for student, apprentice and noncommercial lobster license holders by proposing to set a minimum age for licensure of 8 years and an age-based graduated trap limit for student license holders.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-276) is the majority report and proposed exempt those individuals who hold a student or noncommercial lobster and crab fishing license on October 31, 2003 from the age and trap limits proposed in the bill. This amendment also proposed to prohibit a person who holds a student license and is less than 8 years of age on October 31, 2003 from submerging more than 10 traps at any given time and upon reaching 8 years of age, that person would be required to comply with the trap limits proposed in the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-299) proposed to add an appropriation section to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 468 amends the laws concerning age requirements for student, apprentice and noncommercial lobster license holders by setting a minimum age for licensure of 8 years and by establishing an age-based graduated trap limit for student license holders. It exempts those individuals who hold a student or noncommercial lobster and crab fishing license on October 31, 2003 from the age and trap limits. Public Law 2003, chapter 486 prohibits a person who holds a student license and is less than 8 years of age on October 31, 2003 from submerging more than 10 traps at any given time and upon reaching 8 years of age, requires that person to comply with the graduated trap limits established by this chapter.

LD 1382

An Act To Increase the Trap Limit for Swan's Island to the Maximum Lobster Traps Allowed in Federal Waters of Zone B

ONTP

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

LD 1382 proposed to allow a person who fished for lobsters in the Swan's Island Lobster Conservation Area to fish outside that area in other areas of federal waters of Zone B with the number of traps that, combined with the number of traps that person had submerged in the Swan's Island Lobster Conservation Area, equaled the trap limit for federal waters of Zone B.