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*State Of Maine
122nd Legislature*

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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Marine Resources*

July 2006

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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 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/billsumm.htm).

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
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PASSED.....	Joint Order passed in both bodies
PUBLIC XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX.....	Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED (Pocket Veto).....	Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 23, 2006.

Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

LD 1786

An Act to Allow Dragging in Lower Taunton Bay

**PUBLIC 466
EMERGENCY**

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

LD 1786 proposed to allow dragging in the Taunton River area north of Sullivan Falls and south of the Route 1 bridge in the towns of Hancock and Sullivan in Hancock County. It also proposed to repeal this law on July 1, 2008.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 466 allows dragging in the Taunton River area north of Sullivan Falls and south of the Route 1 bridge in the towns of Hancock and Sullivan in Hancock County. Public Law 2005, chapter 466 is repealed on July 1, 2008.

Public Law 2005, chapter 466 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 2, 2006.

LD 1828

An Act To Improve Water Monitoring at Clam Flats

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EMERY RAYE	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-784

LD 1828 proposed to establish an additional Marine Resource Scientist I position that would be used for water monitoring purposes in Washington County.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-784) proposed to appropriate funds for the Public Health Division's Growing Area Classification Program and for the Biotoxin Monitoring Program to establish seven seasonal Conservation Aide positions and to provide necessary operational costs.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-785) proposed to appropriate funds for overtime costs within the Department of Marine Resources associated with monitoring water quality.