

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

STATE OF MAINE
128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

August 2017

MEMBERS:

SEN. JOYCE A. MAKER, CHAIR
SEN. ERIC L. BRAKEY
SEN. ELOISE A. VITELLI

REP. WALTER A. KUMIEGA III, CHAIR
REP. MICHAEL G. DEVIN
REP. ROBERT W. ALLEY, SR.
REP. LYDIA C. BLUME
REP. STEPHANIE HAWKE
REP. KEVIN J. BATTLE
REP. WILLIAM R. TUELL
REP. DAVID G. HAGGAN
REP. ABDEN S. SIMMONS
REP. PAULA G. SUTTON

STAFF:

CRAIG NALE, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS
13 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333
(207) 287-1670
<http://legislature.maine.gov/legis/opla>

STATE OF MAINE

128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 128th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER..... carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

The amendment specifies that the prohibition against fishing for or taking scallops from April 16th to November 30th applies only to scallop dragging.

The amendment allows the holder of a sea urchin dragging license to possess gear used for scallop dragging on the boat identified on the sea urchin dragging license if that boat is also listed on any scallop dragging license and there are no scallops on that boat.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 222 creates an owner-operator requirement in the scallop dragging and sea urchin dragging fisheries, but allows a person who fished with a family member in the 2017 fishing season on a boat the person does not own to continue fishing from that boat until the boat is no longer owned by that family member. The amendment also allows a person who does not meet the boat ownership requirements but who dragged for scallops or sea urchins and recorded landings in the 2017 fishing season on a boat the person does not own to continue fishing from that boat until January 1, 2020.

Public Law 2017, chapter 222 specifies that the prohibition against fishing for or taking scallops from April 16th to November 30th applies only to scallop dragging.

Public Law 2017, chapter 222 allows the holder of a sea urchin dragging license to possess gear used for scallop dragging on the boat identified on the sea urchin dragging license if that boat is also listed on any scallop dragging license and there are no scallops on that boat.

LD 113 An Act To Stabilize Lobster Bait Prices

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

ALLEY R
MAKER J

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to enact measures designed to stabilize the price of lobster bait. These measures may include, but are not limited to:

1. Authorizing an increase in the number of people that may fish for bait;
2. Amending the limits on specific species of bait; and
3. Amending restrictions on the types of species that may be used as bait.

LD 115 An Act To Protect the Marine Worm Industry

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

ALLEY R
MAKER J

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill prohibits dragging for mussels in any river in Washington County. The bill also establishes a closed season for marine worms from December 1st through March 31st.