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

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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

LD 704 An Act To Give the Department of Marine Resources Flexibility with ONTP
Licensing in the Atlantic Herring Fishery

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARRY W MAKER J	ONTP	

This bill allows the Commissioner of Marine Resources to adopt rules that establish different landings limits for commercial pelagic and anadromous fishing license holders who recorded landings of Atlantic herring in this State prior to January 1, 2017 and who did not record landings of Atlantic herring in this State prior to January 1, 2017.

**LD 705 An Act To Prevent Marine Debris Accepted Minority
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DEVIN M VITELLI E	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill prohibits a person on a vessel fishing for lobster or crab from having in that person's possession materials used to package lobster or crab bait for sale, including the plastic wrapping and cardboard cartons in which bait is sold. It also prohibits a person from discarding or abandoning into any waters the materials used for packaging lobster and crab bait for sale. Violation of this provision is a civil violation, with a fine of \$250.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-350)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment prohibits a person engaged in commercial or recreational fishing in the coastal waters of the State from possessing on a vessel any plastic wrapping, cardboard cartons or plastic strapping used to package bait for sale. The amendment prohibits a person from discarding into any coastal waters any materials used to package bait. The amendment provides that a person who possesses plastic wrapping, cardboard cartons or plastic strapping or who discards bait packaging into any coastal waters commits a civil violation with a fine of \$250. The bill contains similar provisions but applies only to lobster or crab bait packaging.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 706 An Act To Increase the Quota for Smelts for Commercial Pelagic and ONTP
Anadromous Fishing License Holders

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SIMMONS A MAKER J	ONTP	

This bill establishes in law that the holder of a commercial pelagic and anadromous fishing license may take up to 16 quarts per day of smelts from July 1st to March 14th in the coastal waters of the State from the New Hampshire border to Naskeag Point in Brooklin, including Deer Isle and Stonington.