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LD 338 An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 58 extends the provision repealing the laws governing the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative to October 1, 2026. It makes the collaborative's license surcharges ongoing at current amounts and repeals provisions setting forth the surcharges for prior years.

LD 342 An Act To Establish a Permanent Appointment of a Member of a Federally Recognized Indian Nation, Tribe or Band in the State to the Marine Resources Advisory Council

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 71 adds a member to the Marine Resources Advisory Council who is a member of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State. The Governor selects the member based on the joint recommendation of the tribal governments, or if a unanimous joint recommendation is not made, the Governor shall appoint a member and rotate the appointment among members of each federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State.

LD 454 An Act To Ensure Equity in the Shellfish Depuration Compensation Process for Municipalities by Increasing the Rate of Reimbursement Paid to Municipalities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 59 increases the rate of reimbursement paid a shellfish depuration certificate holder to a municipality from 50 cents to one dollar for each bushel of soft-shelled clams taken in the municipality under the certificate.

LD 1182 An Act To Allow Commercial Lobster License Holders To Possess a Marine Harvesting Demonstration License

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 129 allows holders of commercial lobster and crab fishing licenses to also hold a marine harvesting demonstration license. The marine harvesting demonstration license holder who also holds a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license may not exceed the trap limit of the commercial license and is required to use a buoy that is different in color and pattern from the buoy the individual uses for commercial harvesting. The Commissioner of Marine Resources is permitted to suspend the lobster and crab fishing license of a person who violates the provisions of this law.