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SECOND REGULAR SESSION



Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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MARINE RESOURCES**

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## **JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES**

### **LD 391 An Act To Reestablish the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 491 repeals Public Law 2021, chapter 58 and reestablishes the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative which was inadvertently repealed on October 1, 2021. It also makes the collaborative's license surcharges ongoing at amounts in effect in 2021.

During the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature, the House of Representatives voted to enact L.D. 338, An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative which extended the repeal date of the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative from October 1, 2021 to October 1, 2026. The First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature adjourned before the Senate voted on L.D. 338. During the First Special Session of the 130th Legislature, the Senate voted to enact L.D. 338 and the bill was signed by the Governor on May 5, 2021. The Legislature adjourned the First Special Session on July 19, 2021, and Public Law 2021, chapter 58 was effective October 18, 2021, 17 days after the statutory repeal.

Public Law 2021, chapter 491 was enacted as an emergency measure effective retroactive to October 1, 2021.

### **LD 1742 An Act To Ensure Compliance with the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for American Lobster**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 512 allows the Commissioner of Marine Resources to adopt routine technical rules to amend the minimum and maximum lobster size and the dimensions of vents in lobster traps when necessary to comply with changes to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Interstate Fishery Management Plan for American Lobster. It requires the Commissioner to notify the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters within 15 days of initiating such rulemaking.

### **LD 1759 An Act To Extend the Legal Hours for Harvesting Lobster in the Month of September**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 498 changes the legal start time for lobster fishing to 4:00 a.m. in the month of September.

Public Law 2021, chapter 498 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 16, 2022.