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the green crab only wholesale dealer license prior to the repeal date. The department is required to submit to the 134th Legislature in 2030 a report of the review, including any recommendations to continue or modify the license.

LD 1561 Resolve, Regarding the Percentage of a Lobster and Crab Fishing Licensee's Lobster Traps That May Be Fished in a Lobster Management Zone Listed on the License as a Secondary Zone

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 65 directs the Department of Marine Resources to seek input from the lobster management policy councils regarding what percentage of a lobster and crab fishing licensee's lobster traps a licensee may fish in a lobster management zone that is listed on the licensee's license as a zone in which the licensee intends to fish some lobster traps, but is not designated as the zone in which the licensee intends to fish the majority of the licensee's lobster traps, also known as a secondary zone. The department must use the input received from the councils to develop recommendations regarding the percentage of traps that may be fished in a secondary zone. The department must submit a report, including its recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources no later than December 3, 2025. The law authorizes the committee to submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

LD 1595 An Act to Strengthen Working Waterfronts Against Nuisance Complaints Regarding Aquaculture

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 249 amends the law that prohibits private nuisance actions against a person engaged in a commercial fishing activity or commercial fishing operation to include activities associated with aquaculture and commercial fisheries businesses, which include enterprises concerned with the commercial harvest of wild or aquacultured marine organisms.

LD 1596 Resolve, Directing the Department of Marine Resources to Submit a Report on the Findings and Recommendations of the Aquaculture Advisory Council

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 102 directs the Department of Marine Resources to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources no later than January 1, 2026 with findings and recommendations of the Aquaculture Advisory Council and the council's subcommittees. The focus of the report must be the council's findings and recommendations related to deliberations concerning changes to the aquaculture leasing process. The law authorizes the committee to report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

ENACTED LAW SUMMARIES

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