

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 592

H. P. 475

House of Representatives, February 15, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bunker of Gouldsboro.

Cosponsors: Mr. Silsby of Ellsworth and Mr. Blodgett of Waldoboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Appropriate Funds to Provide for Lobster Rearing Stations.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Appropriation; lobster rearing stations. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1979-80	1980-81
MARINE RESOURCES,		
Department of		
Capital	\$4,000	\$4,000
All Other	1,000	1,000

These funds shall be used to establish one or more lobster rearing stations for the propagation of lobsters.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill appropriates \$5,000 a year for the next 2 fiscal years to the Department of Marine Resources to be used to establish one or more lobster rearing stations. During the life cycle of a lobster, there is a point at which the lobster fry are free floating, the mortality rate at this stage is tremendous. Lobster rearing stations

will enable a large number of lobster fry to be kept in protected conditions during this free floating stage, and to be released after they have passed through this stage.

This step, in turn, should help preserve and increase the lobster resource.