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House of Representatives, April 2, 1979

Reported by Mrs. Post of Owl's Head from the Joint Select Committee on Marine Research pursuant to H. P. 1792. Printed under Joint Rules No. 17.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Clarify the Scientific Research Authority of the Department of Marine Resources.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 6052, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4. Research. Serve as the primary state agency engaging in research for the conservation of marine resources; and engage in all aspects of marine research including:

A. Collecting and analyzing the basic biological, environmental and economic data necessary for understanding the status of and necessary for management of commercial and recreational marine resources;

B. Researching and providing information on marine resources necessary to protect the public health;

C. Researching and providing basic information on the biology, chemistry and physics of the marine environment; and

D. Providing technical and scientific information and support for all department activities.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill clarifies the authority of the Department of Marine Resources to conduct scientific research. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on Marine Research of the 108th Legislature, as part of its study and report.