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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1175

7 S.P. 383

In Senate, March 14, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources. Sent down for concur-
9 rence and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Brown of Washington.

Cosponsors: Representative Randall of East Machais, Representative Vose
of Eastport and Representative Connors of Franklin.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Rejuvenate the Fishing Industry
18 in Maine.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3305, sub-§1, ¶I, as enacted by
23 PL 1981, c. 702, Pt. Y, sub-pt. 3, is amended to
24 read:

25 I. Act as the public agency of the State for the
26 purpose of accepting and distributing federal
27 funds or other assistance in relation to commu-
28 nity and economic development in those
29 nonentitlement areas and for those projects duly
30 authorized under the United States Housing and
31 Community Development Act of 1974, Title 1, and
32 its subsequent amendments. The director may
33 promulgate such rules as deemed necessary to
34 distribute the funds or assistance. These rules

1 shall be adopted in accordance with the Maine
2 Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter
3 375, and shall be consistent with the annual
4 final statement for the State Community Develop-
5 ment Program submitted to the Federal Government.
6 The State Planning Office shall give notice in
7 writing of any such rules to the legislative
8 joint standing committee having jurisdiction over
9 appropriations and financial affairs at least 20
10 days before the hearing, as stipulated in the
11 Maine Administrative Procedure Act, or before the
12 deadline for comments if no hearing is scheduled;
13 and

14 Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §3305, sub-§1, ¶J is enacted to
15 read:

16 J. Act as the public agency of the State for the
17 purpose of accepting and distributing federal
18 funds authorized under the United States Coastal
19 Zone Management Act of 1972, PL 92-583, and its
20 subsequent amendments. These funds shall be used
21 for programs related to the protection, enhance-
22 ment, conservation and development of the coastal
23 zone of the State. Programs shall include the
24 development of the aquaculture industry in Wash-
25 ington County and other counties as appropriate,
26 and the implementation of a development plan for
27 Maine's aquaculture industry.

28 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6052, sub-§3, as enacted by PL
29 1977, c. 661, §5, is amended to read:

30 3. Marketing. Serve as the primary state agency
31 providing promotional and marketing assistance to the
32 commercial fishing industries, including assisting in
33 marketing seafood, stimulating of consumer interest
34 in and consumption of seafood, increasing the sales
35 of seafood domestically and abroad, supporting and
36 expanding existing markets and developing new markets
37 for traditional and underutilized species putting
38 particular emphasis on the development of seafood
39 industries that would benefit the economically
40 depressed areas of the State; and

41 Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6052, sub-§4, ¶¶B and C, as
42 enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, are amended to read:

1 B. Solving particular problems that relate to
2 the state's commercial fishing industry, includ-
3 ing the economic development of underutilized
4 groundfish resources of Washington County by
5 development of fishing methods that are compati-
6 ble with the existing fisheries and laws govern-
7 ing the fisheries of the county; and

8 C. Providing technical and scientific informa-
9 tion and support for all department activities;
10 and

11 Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §6052, sub-§5 is enacted to
12 read:

13 5. Development Fund. There is established a
14 Development Fund which shall be used for the purposes
15 of subsection 4. All nonresident commercial fish-
16 eries' license fees and 60% of all resident commer-
17 cial fishing license fees shall be allocated to this
18 fund.

19 Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §6451, sub-§6 is enacted to
20 read:

21 6. Allocation. Ten dollars of each \$33 fee and
22 \$5 of each \$13 fee for each lobster and crab fishing
23 license shall be allocated to the Lobster Fund, which
24 portion of the fund shall be used for the scientific
25 study by the department of the fecundity, recruitment
26 and biological processes that enhance and perpetuate
27 the stocks of lobsters.

28 Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §6651, sub-§1, as enacted by PL
29 1977, c. 661, §5, is amended to read:

30 1. Fees to be paid into fund. Twenty-five Sixty
31 percent of all fees from shellfish licenses, shell-
32 fish transportation licenses and wholesale seafood
33 licenses shall be paid into the Shellfish Fund.

34 Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §6671, sub-§10 is enacted to
35 read:

36 10. Washington County. The department shall
37 assign an area biologist to Washington and Hancock
38 Counties for the purpose of assisting and advising

