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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1298

S.P. 429

In Senate, March 24, 1983

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Brown of Washington.

Cosponsors: Senator Minkowsky of Androscoggin, Senator Collins of Knox and Representative Connors of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE

RESOLVE, Authorizing the Department of
Marine Resources to Sell the Research Vessel
Challenge and to Convert the Fishing Vessel
Jubilee.

Department of Marine Resources; authorized to sell research vessel Challenge and convert the fishing vessel Jubilee. Resolved: That the Department of Marine Resources is authorized to sell the research vessel "Challenge" and to convert the fishing vessel "Jubilee," subject to the terms in this resolve. All proceeds of the sale of the research vessel Challenge shall be dedicated to the conversion and maintenance of the fishing vessel Jubilee or any vessel equipment.

1. The sale of the research vessel Challenge shall be supervised by the Department of Finance and Administration.

1 2. The proceeds of the sale shall be used to
2 recondition, convert and maintain the vessel
3 "Jubilee" forfeited to the State of Maine by the
4 United States District Court, District of Maine. The
5 proceeds may also be used to purchase and maintain
6 equipment for the vessel.

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 This resolve authorizes the Department of Marine
9 Resources to sell the research vessel Challenge, sub-
10 ject to the conditions of this resolve. It also
11 establishes a dedicated account to be used for the
12 reconditioning, conversion and maintenance of the
13 fishing vessel "Jubilee" and purchase and maintenance
14 of equipment.

15 The research vessel Challenge, constructed in
16 1976 by Blount Marine Corporation of Warren, Rhode
17 Island, is 74.4' long; has net tonnage of 56 tons; is
18 oil fired; has double propeller; and carries the doc-
19 umentation number 562009. Because the department has
20 multiple missions of enforcement, research and devel-
21 opment, research vessel Challenge was designed to
22 have multiple capabilities. In order to achieve this
23 objective, the design was a compromise with respect
24 to achieving speed and working capabilities. The
25 vessel has work in all 3 areas, but is not optimally
26 suited for any.

27 Fishing vessel Jubilee, approximately 75' in
28 length with a net tonnage of 79 tons and carrying the
29 documentation number 581350, was designed as a fish-
30 ing vessel and hence can operate efficiently and
31 effectively under a wide range of conditions handling
32 large and cumbersome fishing and research gear asso-
33 ciated with the fishing gear development and testing
34 projects and equipment associated with marine
35 research programs carried on by the department. This
36 vessel enhances the department's capacity to meet its
37 obligations in those areas.

38 Enforcement obligations requiring larger vessels
39 are met with research vessel Guardian and research
40 vessel Maine with backup provided by research vessel
41 Explorer when needed. Similarly, the fishing vessel

1 Jubilee could be assigned to enforcement duty when,
2 for instance, heavy gear must be hauled. The
3 enforcement mission is not compromised.

4 The sale of research vessel Challenge and
5 retrofit of the fishing vessel Jubilee, using pro-
6 ceeds from that sale, results in increased department
7 capability to perform its multiple missions, with no
8 loss in existing capability, at little or no addi-
9 tional cost to the State.

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