

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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2 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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8 S.P. 575

In Senate, May 20, 1983

9 Reported by Senator Minkowsky of Androscoggin from the Committee  
10 on Marine Resources and printed under Joint Rule 2.

11 Original bill presented by Senator Brown of Washington. Cosponsored by  
Representative Randall of East Machias, Representative Vose of Eastport, and  
Representative Conners of Franklin.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

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

23 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6075 is enacted to read:

24 §6075. Pathology program

25 1. Purposes. The purposes of this section are  
26 to increase the availability of pathological assess-  
27 ment of shellfish stock to be introduced into the  
28 State for culturing purposes, of culturing facilities  
29 and areas and of shellstock to be exported to other  
30 states and countries. This shall be provided as a  
31 service to protect the state's waters and other  
32 resources, and to support the shellfish industries of  
33 the State.



1 department may close areas under section 6171 to pro-  
2 tect reseeded flats, including areas subject to  
3 municipal shellfish conservation ordinances.

4       Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds are  
5 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the  
6 purposes of this Act.

7		<u>1983-84</u>	<u>1984-85</u>
8	<u>MARINE RESOURCES,</u>		
9	<u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
10	Pathology program		
11	Positions	(1)	(2)
12	Personal Services	\$21,000	\$46,000
13	All Other	10,000	10,000
14	Capital Expenditures	3,000	1,000
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16	Total	<u>\$34,000</u>	<u>\$57,000</u>
17	Shellfish reseedling program		
18	Positions	(1 1/2)	(1 1/2)
19	Personal Services	\$33,000	\$33,000
20	All Other	40,000	15,000
21	Capital Expenditures	75,000	
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23	Total	<u>\$148,000</u>	<u>\$48,000</u>

24       Sec. 5. Allocation. There is allocated from the  
25 Fisheries Development Fund the following funds to  
26 carry out the purposes of this Act.

27		<u>1983-84</u>	<u>1984-85</u>
28	<u>MARINE RESOURCES,</u>		
29	<u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
30	Positions	(3)	(3)
31	Personal Services	\$73,000	\$73,000
32	All Other	24,000	29,000
33	Capital Expenditures	15,000	5,000
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1 servation and management activity since the early  
2 1900's. Hand harvesting and transplanting has been  
3 used in many locations over the years. The diffi-  
4 culty and inefficiency of hand labor is illustrated  
5 by the fact that there are approximately 16,000 clams  
6 in a bushel of one-inch clams. Picking this number  
7 up by hand during a low tide period is a tremendous  
8 task. Rudimentary hydraulic equipment has been  
9 developed in the past that has improved this effi-  
10 ciency manyfold under ideal conditions.

11 Efforts are underway in cooperation with the  
12 National Sea Grant Program and the University of  
13 Maine agriculture faculty to continue to develop  
14 equipment and craft to function under varied condi-  
15 tions. Stocks of small clams that can potentially be  
16 transplanted to increase production can be identified  
17 in virtually all towns. The equipment we envision  
18 will be used along the coast in areas needing atten-  
19 tion and be owned and operated by the Department of  
20 Marine Resources in cooperation with towns and joint  
21 and area programs. It should be made clear that this  
22 equipment is for transplanting purposes only. It is  
23 not intended that this type of harvesting equipment  
24 be used in any commercial clam digging operations.

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