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S.P. 575			In Senate, May 20, 1983
on Marin Origi Represent	e Resources and prin inal bill presented by	ted under Joint Senator Brown of Machias, Repre	oscoggin from the Committee Rule 2. of Washington. Cosponsored by esentative Vose of Eastport, and
		JOY J. O	'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
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Be it e follows	-	People of t	the State of Maine as
Sec	. 1. 12 MRSA	§6075 is en	acted to read:
§6075.	Pathology pro	gram	
	rease the avail	ability of	es of this section are pathological assess-
	of shellfish for culturing r		e introduced into the culturing facilities
and are	eas and of shel	lstock to h	be exported to other
states	and countrie	es. This s	shall be provided as a
service	e to protect	the state	s waters and other
		port the sh	ellfish industries of
the Sta	ate.		

1	2. Responsibilities. The department shall be					
2	the state agency responsible for carrying out neces-					
3	sary shellfish pathology services related to the					
4	importation and exportation of shellfish.					
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5	Sec. 2. 12 MRSA c. 605, sub-c. VI is enacted to					
6	read:					
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7	SUBCHAPTER VI					
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8	FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT FUND					
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9	§6141. Fisheries Development Fund					
10	1 December 1 and inter Good Commenter Give man					
10	1. Fees to be paid into fund. Seventy-five per-					
11	cent of all fees from commercial shellfish licenses,					
12	shellfish transportation licenses, wholesale seafood					
13	licenses, retail seafood licenses, resident commer-					
14	cial fishing licenses and nonresident commercial					
15	cial fishing licenses and nonresident commercial fishing licenses shall be paid into the Fisheries					
16	Development Fund.					
17	2. Uses of fund. The commissioner may expend					
18	these moneys to assist the state's marine industries					
19	in addressing problems in seafood processing technol-					
20	ogy, market development and shellfish management in					
21	rural and developing areas of the State.					
22	3. Nonlapsing fund. The Fisheries Development					
23	Fund shall not lapse.					
24	4. Allocation. Money in the Fisheries Develop-					
25	ment Fund shall be expended in accordance with allo-					
26	cations approved by the Legislature.					
27	Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6675 is enacted to read:					
28	§6675. Shellfish reseeding program					
29	The department shall carry out a program of					
30	shellfish reseeding. The program shall include such					
31	activities as the transplanting of soft shell clams					
32	from areas of large concentrations to potentially					
32 33	moductive areas of rarge concentrations to potentially					
	productive areas, and relaying shellfish otherwise					
34	inhibited from attaining optimum market size. The					
35	program may be carried out in cooperation with munic-					
36	ipal and joint shellfish conservation programs. The					

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1 2 3	department may close areas under section 6171 to pro- tect reseeded flats, including areas subject to municipal shellfish conservation ordinances.					
4 5 6	Sec. 4. Appropriation. I appropriated from the Genera purposes of this Act.					
7		1983-84	1984-85			
8 9	MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF					
10	Pathology program					
11 12 13 14 15	Positions Personal Services All Other Capital Expenditures	(1) \$21,000 10,000 3,000	(2) \$46,000 10,000 1,000			
16	Total	\$34,000	\$57,000			
17	Shellfish reseeding program					
18 19 20 21 22	Positions Personal Services All Other Capital Expenditures	(1 1/2) \$33,000 40,000 75,000	(1 1/2) \$33,000 15,000			
23	Total	\$148,000	\$48,000			
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		1983-84	1984-85			
28 29	MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF					
30 31 32 33 34	Positions Personal Services All Other Capital Expenditures	(3) \$73,000 24,000 15,000	(3) \$73,000 29,000 5,000			

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STATEMENT OF FACT

3 The shellfish pathology program established in 4 section 1 of this new draft is designed to strengthen 5 the state's shellfish certification program. As the б aquaculture industry continues to refine its techniques, expand its operations and provide more and 7 8 diverse products, the need to provide pathological assessment services will increase. Part of this 9 10 situation involves the importation of product, both 11 for culturing as seed stock and for table stock. In 12 either case, it is important to know that the 13 imported product is free from disease to prevent contamination of the state's waters. The other direc-14 15 important, as well as the state's producers tion is 16 seek to sell both seed stock and table stock, both nationally and internationally. Without certifica-17 18 tion that the product is disease free, these markets 19 would be lost. This program provides these services.

20 Section 2 establishes a Fisheries Development 21 Fund. This fund provides technical support in deal-22 ing with problems related to moving raw product between the boat and the processing plant, between plants and within plants. It provides assistance in 23 24 25 problems related to product form, a question of what 26 the processor can produce and what the marketplace needs or is willing to accept. The fund can provide 27 resources to link small processors of unique products 28 29 with markets difficult to access, a critical link in business continuity. Frequently, these markets are 30 31 accessed by means other than the channels of trade 32 which are accustomed to the more common and popular 33 The fund provides resources for directing products. 34 assistance to the shellfish industry in areas of man-35 agement, an issue which, because of the need for 36 local implementation, requires a great deal of direct 37 attention.

38 Section 3 establishes a shellfish reseeding pro-39 gram. The shellfish reseeding program provides a 40 mechanized harvesting capability for improving soft 41 shell clam production along the coast. Transplanting 42 small clams has been recognized as a desirable con-

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1 servation and management activity since the early 2 1900's. Hand harvesting and transplanting has been used in many locations over the years. The diffi-3 culty and inefficiency of hand labor is illustrated 4 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 Rudimentary hydraulic equipment has 8 task. 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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