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Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HEINO of Boothbay.

Cosponsored by Representative SKOGLUND of St. George, Senator VOSE of Washington and Senator GOULD of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act to Increase Fees for Licenses Issued by the Department of
Marine Resources.**



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

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4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§7-A, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 455, §2, is amended to read:

6 7-A. Fee. The fee for the license shall-be is:

8 A. \$26 Fifty-two dollars for a Class I license for applicants under 17 years of age;

10 B. \$53 One hundred six dollars for a Class I license for applicants 17 years of age or older; and

12 C. \$159 Three hundred eighteen dollars for a Class II license.

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16 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6501, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1985, c. 659, is further amended to read:

18 5. Fees. Fees for commercial fishing licenses shall-be are:

20 A. \$20 Forty dollars for resident operator;

22 B. \$53 One hundred six dollars for resident operator and all crew members; and

24 C. \$200 Four hundred dollars for nonresident operator and all crew members.

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28 Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6502, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is amended to read:

30 3. Fee. The permit fee shall-be ~~\$50~~ is \$100, which may be credited against the license fee for a commercial fishing license, if it is issued to the permittee within 30 days of the issuing of the permit.

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34 Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6601, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1987, c. 826, §1, is further amended to read:

36 5. Fee. The fee for a shellfish license is \$38 \$76.

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40 Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §6701, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1985, c. 379, §3, is further amended to read:

42 5. Fee. The fee for a scallop license shall-be ~~\$53~~ is \$106.

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46 Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §6702, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1985, c. 662, §3, is further amended to read:

48 5. Fee. The fee for a scallop boat license is \$53 \$106.

2 Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §6703, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 662,
§4, is amended to read:

4 4. Fee. The fee for a noncommercial scallop license is \$5
6 \$10.

8 Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §§6704 and 6705 are enacted to read:

10 §6704. Handfishing sea urchin license

12 1. License required. It is unlawful for any person to
14 engage in the activities authorized by the license under this
16 section without a current handfishing sea urchin license or other
18 license issued under this Part authorizing the activities.

20 2. Licensed activity. The holder of a handfishing sea
22 urchin license may take sea urchins by hand or possess, ship,
24 transport or sell sea urchins taken by that licensee.

26 3. Fee. The fee for a handfishing sea urchin license is
28 \$76.

30 §6705. Sea urchin boat license

32 1. License required. It is unlawful for any person to use
34 a boat for dragging for sea urchins unless that boat carries a
36 sea urchin boat license issued by the commissioner.

38 2. Licensed activity. A boat licensed under this section
40 may be used for dragging for sea urchins. The license also
42 authorizes the captain and crew members aboard the licensed boat
44 to drag for sea urchins.

46 3. Eligibility. A sea urchin boat license may be issued
48 only to an individual and must be a resident license.

50 4. Fee. The fee for a sea urchin boat license is \$156.

 Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §6731, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 828,
§3, is amended to read:

 4. Fee. The fee for a mahogany quahog license is \$53
\$106. Fees collected pursuant to this section must be deposited
in the General Fund.

 Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §6745, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1987, c. 826,
§3, is further amended to read:

 5. Fee. The fee for a hand-raking mussel license is \$38
\$76.

2 **Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §6746, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 826,
3 §4, is further amended to read:

4 5. **Fee.** The fee for a mussel boat license is ~~\$78~~ \$156.

6 **Sec. 12. 12 MRSA §6751, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 379,
7 §4, is further amended to read:

8 4. **Fee.** The fee for a marine worm digger's license shall-be
9 ~~\$26~~ is \$52.

10 **Sec. 13. 12 MRSA §6803, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 523,
11 §2, is amended to read:

12 3. **Fees.** The fee schedule for seaweed permits is as
13 follows:

14 A. ~~Six~~ Twelve dollars for a resident seaweed permit;

15 B. ~~Fifty~~ One hundred dollars for a nonresident seaweed
16 permit; and

17 C. ~~Two~~ Four dollars for a supplemental seaweed permit.

18 **Sec. 14. 12 MRSA §6851, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 379,
19 §6, is further amended to read:

20 6. **Fee.** The fees shall-be are as follows:

21 A. ~~\$130~~ Two hundred sixty dollars for the wholesale seafood
22 license; and

23 B. ~~\$26~~ Fifty-two dollars for each supplemental license.

24 **Sec. 15. 12 MRSA §6852, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 826,
25 §5, is further amended to read:

26 4. **Fee.** The fee for a retail seafood license is ~~\$51~~ \$102.

27 **Sec. 16. 12 MRSA §6853, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 1981, c. 480,
28 §10, is further amended to read:

29 6. **Fee.** The fee for a marine worm dealer's license shall-be
30 ~~\$33~~ is \$66 and the fee for a supplemental license shall-be-~~\$13~~ is
31 \$26.

32 **Sec. 17. 12 MRSA §6854, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 379,
33 §8, is further amended to read:

34 6. **Fees.** The fee for a lobster transportation license shall
35 be-~~\$130~~ is \$260 and the fee for a supplemental license shall-be
36 ~~\$26~~ is \$52.

2 **Sec. 18. 12 MRSA §6855, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 826,
4 §6, is further amended to read:

6 **6. Fees.** The fee for a shellfish transportation license is
7 ~~\$155~~ \$310 and the fee for a supplemental license is ~~\$51~~ \$102.

8 **Sec. 19. 12 MRSA §6857, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 379,
10 §10, is further amended to read:

12 **5. Fee.** The fee for a lobster meat permit shall-be-~~\$66~~ is
13 \$132.

14 **Sec. 20. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
16 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

18 1991-92 1992-93

19 **MARINE RESOURCES,**
20 **DEPARTMENT OF**

21 **Bureau of Marine Patrol**

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23	Positions	(18)	(18)
24	Personal Services	\$667,126	\$704,546
25	All Other	58,781	21,361

26 Provides funds derived from

27 increases in commercial

28 fishing and dealers' licenses

29 to retain 11 filled Marine

30 Patrol Officer positions, to

31 reestablish 6 Marine Patrol

32 Officer positions and to

33 create one Marine Patrol

34 Officer Specialist position.

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38	DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES		
39	TOTAL	<u>\$725,907</u>	<u>\$725,907</u>

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42 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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44 This bill increases the fees for licenses issued by the

45 Department of Marine Resources and requires licenses for

46 handfishing for sea urchins and for using a boat for dragging for

47 sea urchins. Undedicated revenue derived from these fees is

48 appropriated to the Department of Marine Resources, Bureau of

49 Marine Patrol to retain 11 existing filled Marine Patrol Officer

50 positions proposed for elimination in the fiscal year 1992-93

51 budget and to reestablish 7 Marine Patrol Officer positions

52 abolished in the fiscal year 1990-91 budget. One of the

reestablished Marine Patrol Officer positions is established as a

2 Marine Patrol Specialist position to be assigned as skipper of an existing 35-foot patrol craft.