

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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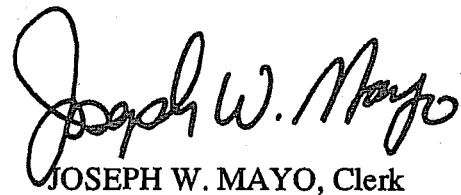
H.P. 211

House of Representatives, February 2, 1993

**An Act to Establish Cod Hatcheries.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Freeport.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6501, sub-§5, ¶¶A to C, as amended by PL 1991, c. 591, Pt. T, §2, are further amended to read:

A. ~~Thirty-three~~ One hundred thirty-three dollars for a resident operator;

B. ~~Eighty-nine~~ One hundred eighty-nine dollars for a resident operator and all crew members; and

C. ~~Three~~ Four hundred thirty-four dollars for a nonresident operator and all crew members.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA c. 621, sub-c. IV is enacted to read:

#### SUBCHAPTER IV

#### COD HATCHERY FUND

##### §6591. Cod Hatchery Fund

The Cod Hatchery Fund is established to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.

1. Allocation of license fees. The commissioner shall deposit \$100 of each commercial fishing license fee received in the Cod Hatchery Fund. The fund must be used for the purposes of cod biology research, propagating cod and establishing and supporting cod hatcheries.

2. Program. The commissioner may authorize the expenditure of money in the Cod Hatchery Fund only for research and development programs that address the restoration, development or conservation of cod resources.

3. Nonlapsing fund. Money in the Cod Hatchery Fund may not lapse but must be carried forward and is subject to allocation by the Legislature.

4. Cod hatcheries. The commissioner shall authorize expenditure of money from the Cod Hatchery Fund to make grants in support of the establishment and operation of cod hatcheries. The grants must be for a one-year period and are renewable indefinitely upon successful reapplication.

5. Number of hatcheries. The commissioner may not establish more than 2 cod hatcheries under this subchapter. One hatchery must be located at the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences' facility in West Boothbay Harbor.

2        6. Rules. Not later than January 1, 1994, the commissioner  
4        shall adopt rules to implement this subchapter. Those rules must  
6        include biological and economic criteria for evaluating proposals  
8        and require a grantee to keep a log of activities regarding the  
10       hatchery and submit a written report at the end of each grant  
12       period.

14       **Sec. 3. Application.** The commercial fishing license fee  
16       increase established in section 1 of this Act is effective for  
18       commercial fishing licenses sold for each calendar year,  
20       beginning with licenses sold for calendar year 1994.

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### STATEMENT OF FACT

18       This bill establishes the Cod Hatchery Fund. Money in the  
20       fund must be used to establish and operate 2 cod hatcheries, one  
22       of which must be located at the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean  
24       Sciences in West Boothbay Harbor. The bill also increases  
26       commercial fishing license fees by \$100 per license to provide  
the revenues necessary to establish and operate the cod  
hatcheries. The fee increase is effective for commercial fishing  
licenses sold for each calendar year, beginning with licenses  
sold for calendar year 1994.