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STATE OF MAINE
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116TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1262, L.D. 1689, Bill, "An Act to Rejuvenate the Lobster Population in the Gulf of Maine"

Amend the amendment by inserting before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6422 is enacted to read:

§6422. One-year moratorium on lobster licenses

Notwithstanding any provision of this Part, the commissioner may not issue a lobster and crab fishing license to any person unless that person possessed that license in the previous year. This section is repealed on July 1, 1995.'

Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Study and report. By January 15, 1995, the Commissioner of Marine Resources shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resource matters on the recommendations of the Area 1 Effort Management Team established by the New England Fisheries Management Council. That report must also describe the state fishery management regulations that must be implemented to achieve a lobster fishing mortality rate consistent with that recommended by the Area 1 Effort Management Team if a license moratorium is in effect in 1996 and if a license moratorium is not in effect in 1996.'

SENATE AMENDMENT

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2 Further amend the amendment by renumbering the sections to
read consecutively.

4 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
6 statement of fact the following:

8 **FISCAL NOTE**

10 This amendment has the following fiscal impacts.

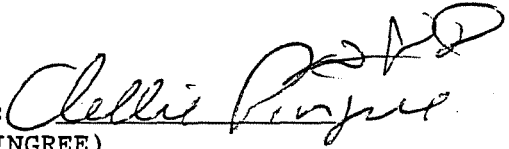
12 The one-year moratorium on the issuance of new lobster and
14 crab licenses will decrease the General Fund and dedicated
16 revenues that the Department of Marine Resources will collect
during fiscal year 1994-95. The amount of this decrease can not
be determined at this time.

18 The Department of Marine Resources will incur some minor
20 additional costs to submit a required report to the Legislature.
22 These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing
budgeted resources.'

24 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

26 This amendment enacts a one-year moratorium on the issuance
28 of new lobster and crab fishing licenses. The moratorium would
go into effect 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular
30 Session of the 116th Legislature and is repealed on July 1,
1995. The only persons who would be eligible to purchase a
32 license during that period are persons who held a license in the
previous calendar year.

34 The amendment also requires the Commissioner of Marine
36 Resources to report to the Marine Resources Committee by January
15, 1995 on recommendations for reducing the lobster fishing
38 mortality rate in the Gulf of Maine by the New England Fisheries
Management Council and on the actions the State would need to
40 take to conform with that recommendation with a license
moratorium and without a license moratorium.

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