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MARINE RESOURCES

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
116TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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 bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Requiring the Use of Logbooks by Lobster Harvesters'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6445 is enacted to read:

§6445. Logbooks for lobster harvesters

The commissioner shall adopt rules requiring any person holding a lobster and crab fishing license to maintain a logbook. The rules must indicate the type of data that must be recorded in the logbook, the manner for producing the logbooks and the method for analyzing data from the logbooks. The commissioner shall charge a fee for the logbook that is sufficient to recover all costs associated with the production of the logbook and the analysis of the data. Fees received by the department from the sale of logbooks are dedicated revenue and must be used by the department for the purposes of this section. The logbook and data analysis may be produced and conducted by the department or may be produced and conducted by a public or private entity under contract with the department. Disclosure of any data collected under this section is subject to the confidentiality provisions of section 6173.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

2       **Sec. 2. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from  
4       Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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6       **MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

8       **Bureau of Marine Sciences**

10	Positions	(0.5)
12	Personal Services	\$17,315
14	All Other	1,500

16       Provides for the allocation of funds to  
18       authorize one 1/2-time Marine Specialist I  
18       position and general operating expenses  
20       necessary to coordinate and administer  
20       lobster logbook requirements.

22       **DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**  
22       **TOTAL**

\$18,815'

24       Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
26       statement of fact the following:

28                               **FISCAL NOTE**

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30       **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

32	Other Funds	\$18,815
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34       **REVENUES**

36	Other Funds	\$18,815
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38       This bill includes an Other Special Revenue allocation of  
40       \$18,815 in fiscal year 1994-95 for the Department of Marine  
42       Resources to coordinate and administer certain logbook  
44       requirements through one additional 1/2-time Marine Specialist I  
44       position and necessary general operating expenses. The  
46       department is authorized to recover all costs associated with the  
46       logbook requirements through fees from those lobster harvesters  
48       who are required to maintain logbooks, which will generate  
50       \$18,815 of dedicated revenue in fiscal year 1994-95.'

52                               **STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment replaces the bill.

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2           The amendment requires the Commissioner of Marine Resources  
4 to adopt rules requiring the use of logbooks by licensed lobster  
6 harvesters. Individual records collected by the department must  
be treated as confidential and may not be disclosed in a manner  
or form that permits identification of any person or vessel.

8           The amendment adds an allocation section and a fiscal note  
10 to the bill.