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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 238

In Senate, February 23, 1995

**Resolve, to Study the Use of Wooden and Wire Lobster Traps in Coastal Waters.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ESTY of Cumberland.

2 **Sec. 1. Commission created; study. Resolved:** That the  
Commission to Study the Use of Wooden and Wire Lobster Traps,  
4 referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is created. The  
President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
6 Representatives shall jointly appoint 10 persons to study the use  
of wooden and wire lobster traps in state coastal waters.  
8 Appointments must include at least one person representing each  
lobster association in the State, at least one person  
representing the manufacturers of wooden lobster traps, at least  
10 one person representing manufacturers of wire lobster traps and  
at least one person representing the Department of Marine  
12 Resources. Other members must be persons who participate in the  
harvesting and sale of lobsters or persons who have a  
14 demonstrated interest in the biological or economic issues  
associated with the use of wooden or wire lobster traps; and be  
16 it further

18 **Sec. 2. Appointments. Resolved:** That all appointments must be  
made not later than 30 days after the effective date of this  
20 resolve; and be it further

22 **Sec. 3. Reporting date. Resolved:** That the commission shall  
report its findings to the Legislature by December 15, 1995; and  
24 be it further

26 **Sec. 4. Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the  
commission serve without compensation.  
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## 30 STATEMENT OF FACT

32 This resolve establishes the 10-person Commission to Study  
the Use of Wooden and Wire Lobster Traps. The membership of the  
34 study group must include manufacturers of wooden and wire lobster  
traps, a representative of the Department of Marine Resources,  
36 members of organized lobster associations throughout the State  
and others interested in the biological and economic issues  
38 associated with the use of wooden and wire lobster traps. The  
commission must report its findings to the Legislature by  
40 December 15, 1995.