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## MARINE RESOURCES

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### STATE OF MAINE SENATE 118TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 743, L.D. 2021, Bill, "An Act Concerning Commercial Fishing in the Vicinity of Monhegan Island"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Establishing the Lobster Conservation Zone Study Committee'**

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. Committee established. Resolved:** That the Lobster Conservation Zone Study Committee, referred to in this resolve as the "committee," is established; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That the committee is comprised of the following 8 members, who must be appointed by the Commissioner of Marine Resources within 15 days of the effective date of this resolve:

1. Two members who possess Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing licenses issued under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6421 and who are Monhegan Island Conservation Area registrants pursuant to Department of Marine Resources rules;

2. Two members who possess Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing licenses issued under Title 12, section 6421 and who are residents of the Town of Friendship;

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3. One member who possesses a Class I, Class II or Class  
III lobster and crab fishing license issued under Title 12,  
section 6421 and who is a resident of an island, other than  
Monhegan Island, in the State;

4. One member who possesses a Class I, Class II or Class  
III lobster and crab fishing license issued under Title 12,  
section 6421 and who is a resident of a mainland municipality  
other than the Town of Friendship; and

5. Two employees of the Department of Marine Resources who  
work as liaisons with the commercial fishing industry; and be it  
further

**Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved:** That the committee shall examine the  
current lobster management zone structure as well as the concept  
of subzones within that existing structure; and be it further

**Sec. 4. Meetings; selection of chair. Resolved:** That within 30  
days of the effective date of this resolve, the Commissioner of  
Marine Resources shall call and convene the first meeting of the  
committee. The commissioner shall appoint as chair one of the  
Department of Marine Resources representatives appointed to the  
committee. Additional meetings may be called by the chair or by  
a majority of committee members; and be it further

**Sec. 5. Compensation. Resolved:** That committee members serve  
without per diem or reimbursement for expenses; and be it further

**Sec. 6. Funding. Resolved:** That the committee may seek,  
accept and expend private or public funding for any activity  
related to the accomplishment of its duties; and be it further

**Sec. 7. Staffing. Resolved:** That the Department of Marine  
Resources shall provide the committee with staffing and clerical  
support from within existing budgeted resources; and be it further

**Sec. 8. Budget. Resolved:** That the Department of Marine  
Resources shall administer the committee's budget; and be it  
further

**Sec. 9. Report. Resolved:** That the committee shall submit its  
findings and recommendations, together with any implementing  
legislation, to the Legislative Council and the joint standing  
committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine  
resources matters by January 15, 1999. The joint standing  
committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine  
resources matters is authorized to report out legislation during

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the First Regular Session of the 119th Legislature regarding lobster management zones and subzones; and be it further

**Sec. 10. Allocation. Resolved:** That the following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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**DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**

**Administration- Division of**

All Other \$2,700

Allocates funds for the estimated travel, meal and lodging expenses of the Task Force to Study Lobster Subzones and Exclusive Use of the Lobster Resource.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

**1998-99**

**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

Other Funds \$2,700

The estimated travel, meal and lodging expenses for members of the Task Force to Study Lobster Subzones and Exclusive Use of the Lobster Resource will total \$2,700 in fiscal year 1998-99. The Department of Marine Resources does not have adequate funding to cover these expenses, a requirement to authorize reimbursement of member expenses. The task force is authorized to accept private contributions to cover these and other costs. An Other Special Revenue allocation of \$2,700 in fiscal year 1998-99 is included for the total estimated costs in the event that private funding is collected. If the task force is not successful in raising private contributions and no other additional resources are provided, the task force members may not be reimbursed for their expenses.

The Department of Marine Resources will incur some minor additional costs to provide staffing and clerical support for the task force. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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### SUMMARY

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6 This amendment is the minority report. It replaces the bill  
and makes the Act a resolve. It establishes the Lobster  
8 Conservation Zone Study Committee to examine the current lobster  
zone management structure as well as the concept of subzones  
within that existing structure. The committee must report its  
10 findings and recommendations by January 15, 1999.

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The amendment also strikes the emergency preamble and clause.

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This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.