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S.P. 118

In Senate, January 14, 1999

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HONEY of Boothbay and
Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, O'NEIL of Saco.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6024, sub-§1-A,** as amended by PL 1995, c.
5 382, §2, is further amended to read:

6 **1-A. Appointment; composition; term; compensation.** The
7 Marine Resources Advisory Council, established by Title 5,
8 section 12004-G, subsection 27, consists of ~~15~~ 17 members. The
9 Chair of the Lobster Advisory Council ~~is-an~~ and the chair of the
10 Recreational Marine Advisory Council or a successor organization
11 established by the Governor, are ex officio member members of the
12 council. Each other member is appointed by the Governor and is
13 subject to review by the joint standing committee of the
14 Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources and to
15 confirmation by the Legislature. Seven members must be persons
16 who are licensed under this Part to engage in commercial
17 harvesting activities. Those 7 members are selected by the
18 Governor from names recommended to the Governor by groups
19 representing commercial harvesting interests. Each member must
20 represent a different commercial harvesting activity, except that
21 none of those 7 members may represent lobster harvesters. The
22 remaining 7 ~~8~~ members must include one person who represents the
23 interests of those who charter their boats for recreational
24 purposes, one person who represents recreational marine fishing
25 interests, one public member, 4 persons who hold a
26 nonharvesting-related license under this Part and one person
27 representing the aquaculture industry. The Governor shall select
28 the person to represent the aquaculture industry from among the
29 names recommended by the aquaculture industry. The composition
30 of the council must reflect a geographical distribution along the
31 coast. All appointed members are appointed for a term of 3
32 years, except a vacancy must be filled in the same manner as an
33 original member for the unexpired portion of the term. An
34 appointed member may not serve for more than 2 consecutive
35 terms. Appointed members serve until their successors are
36 appointed. The Chair of the Lobster Advisory Council and the
37 chair of the Recreational Marine Advisory Council shall serve
38 until a new Chair of the Lobster Advisory Council or a new chair
39 of the Recreational Marine Advisory Council, respectively, is
40 chosen. Members are compensated as provided in Title 5, chapter
41 379.

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43 **SUMMARY**

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45 **46** This bill expands the Marine Resources Advisory Council from
46 15 to 17 members by making the chair of the Recreational Marine
47 Advisory Council an ex officio member and by adding a member who
48 represents the charter boat industry.