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MARINE RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1079, L.D. 1526, "Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Study Limited Entry in the Shrimp Fishery"

Amend the resolve by inserting after the title the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the shrimp fishery has historically been a volatile industry in terms of landings; and

Whereas, it is in the interest of the State to study limited entry in the shrimp fishery; and

Whereas, a study must be initiated promptly in order that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for the next legislative session; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the task force consists of the following 8 members, appointed by the

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Marine Resources:

1. Seven members representing the shrimp industry, who must reflect a geographical distribution along the coast and represent users of different gear types; and

2. One member employed by the Department of Marine Resources who has expertise in the shrimp fishery; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve in section 3 in the 4th line (page 1, line 36 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "November" and inserting in its place the following: 'June'

Further amend the resolve in section 3 in the last line (page 1, line 37 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "meetings" the following: 'and the task force shall notify the members of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources of each meeting'

Further amend the resolve in section 4 in the 5th line (page 1, line 43 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "February 1, 2000" and inserting in its place the following: 'November 15, 1999'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 6 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 6. Compensation. Resolved: That members of the task force serve without compensation; and be it further

Sec. 7. Funding. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Marine Resources may accept and administer any outside funds contributed to support the work of the task force; and be it further

Sec. 8. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1999-00

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Division of Administrative Services

All Other \$3,000

Provides funds for the costs associated with staffing the Task Force to Study Limited Entry in the Shrimp Fishery.

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2 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.'

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6 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

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10 **FISCAL NOTE**

12 **1999-00** **2000-01**

14 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

16 General Fund \$3,000

18 This resolve includes a General Fund appropriation of \$3,000
in fiscal year 1999-00 for the Department of Marine Resources to
cover the costs of staffing the Task Force to Study Limited Entry
in the Shrimp Fishery.

22 Allowing the Commissioner of Marine Resources to accept and
expend any outside funds to support the work of the task force
may result in increased dedicated revenues and expenditures from
Other Special Revenue funds by the department. The amounts can
not be determined at this time.'

28 **SUMMARY**

30 This amendment adds an emergency preamble and clause to the
32 resolve. The amendment changes the membership of the Task Force
to Study Limited Entry in the Shrimp Fishery to consist of 7
34 members of the shrimp industry and one employee of the Department
of Marine Resources. The amendment requires the task force to
36 convene its first meeting by June 1, 1999 and to report its
findings and conclusions to the Joint Standing Committee on
38 Marine Resources by November 15, 1999.

40 The amendment specifies that members of the task force serve
without compensation and authorizes the Commissioner of Marine
42 Resources to accept and administer any outside funds contributed
to support the work of the task force. The amendment
44 appropriates \$3,000 to the department to fund the costs
associated with staffing the task force and adds a fiscal note to
46 the resolve.