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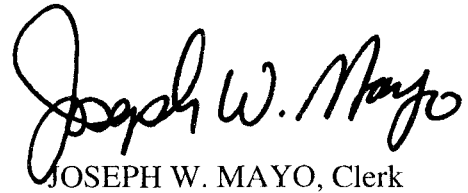
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H.P. 1079

House of Representatives, February 25, 1999

Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Study Limited Entry in the Shrimp Fishery.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell.
Cosponsored by Senator: SMALL of Sagadahoc.

2 **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force
to Study Limited Entry in the Shrimp Fishery, referred to in this
3 resolve as the "task force," is established; and be it further

4 **Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That the task force consists
5 of one Legislator appointed by the Speaker of the House and the
6 following 6 members, appointed by the Commissioner of Marine
7 Resources:

8 1. One member who resides in a coastal community west of a
9 line that runs lengthwise down the center of Penobscot Bay and
10 who utilizes drags to harvest shrimp;

11 2. One member who resides in a coastal community east of a
12 line that runs lengthwise down the center of Penobscot Bay and
13 who utilizes drags to harvest shrimp;

14 3. One member who resides in a coastal community west of a
15 line that runs lengthwise down the center of Penobscot Bay and
16 who utilizes traps to harvest shrimp;

17 4. One member who resides in a coastal community east of a
18 line that runs lengthwise down the center of Penobscot Bay and
19 who utilizes traps to harvest shrimp;

20 5. One member employed by the University of Maine System
21 who has expertise in marine biology; and

22 6. One member employed by the Department of Marine
23 Resources who has expertise in the shrimp fishery; and be it
24 further

25 **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all
26 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the
27 effective date of this resolve. The first meeting of the task
28 force must convene no later than November 1, 1999. The task
29 force may hold up to 6 meetings; and be it further

30 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall study
31 whether access to the Gulf of Maine shrimp fishery should be
32 limited for the purpose of conserving the shrimp resource. The
33 task force shall report its findings and conclusions and any
34 proposed legislation by February 1, 2000 to the Joint Standing
35 Committee on Marine Resources. The Joint Standing Committee on
36 Marine Resources may report out legislation during the Second
37 Regular Session of the 119th Legislature regarding limited entry
38 and licensing in the shrimp fishery; and be it further

2 **Sec. 5. Staff. Resolved:** That the Department of Marine
Resources shall provide the task force with staff and clerical
assistance; and be it further

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6 **Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That members of the task
force who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative
per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3,
8 section 2 for each day's attendance at meetings of the task
force. All members of the task force are entitled to
10 reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses upon
application to the Legislative Council. The Executive Director
12 of the Legislative Council shall administer the task force's
budget.

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SUMMARY

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This resolve establishes the Task Force to Study Limited
Entry in the Shrimp Fishery. The task force consists of 7
20 members, including 2 who harvest shrimp with drags, 2 who harvest
shrimps with traps, a person from the University of Maine System
22 with expertise in marine biology, a Legislator and a
representative of the Department of Marine Resources with
24 expertise in the shrimp fishery. The task force must report its
findings and recommendations by February 1, 2000.