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H.P. 259

House of Representatives, January 30, 2001

Resolve, to Regulate the Harvesting of Horseshoe Crabs.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative HALL of Bristol.
Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and
Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, CLARK of Millinocket, GOODWIN of Pembroke,
JONES of Greenville, MARLEY of Portland, RINES of Wiscasset, Senator: SHOREY of
Washington.

2 **Sec. 1. Regulate harvesting of horseshoe crabs. Resolved:** That
3 the Department of Marine Resources shall study the size and the
4 sustainable level of the harvest of the horseshoe crab resource.
5 The department shall also establish by October 1, 2002 rules and
6 a system of licensing for the harvest of horseshoe crabs. Rules
7 adopted pursuant to this resolve are major substantive rules
8 pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375,
9 subchapter II-A.

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SUMMARY

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12 This resolve directs the Department of Marine Resources to
13 study the size and sustainable level of the harvest of the
14 horseshoe crab resource. The bill also directs the department to
15 establish rules and a system of licensing for the harvest of
16 horseshoe crabs by October 1, 2002.