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_	L.D. 1241
2	DATE: 5-17-01 (Filing No. H- 497)
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6	MINORITY MARINE RESOURCES
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10	Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.
12	STATE OF MAINE
14	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 120TH LEGISLATURE
16	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "He to H.P. 927, L.D. 1241, "Resolve,
20	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "/ " to H.P. 927, L.D. 1241, "Resolve, to Establish a Moratorium on Aquaculture Leases in Blue Hill Bay"
22	Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:
24	'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the
26	Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
28	Whereas, a study of the effects of finfish aquaculture in
30	Blue Hill Bay is planned; and
32	Whereas, the effects of finfish aquaculture on Blue Hill Bay are currently unknown; and
34	Whomas in the indepent of the Logislature those facts
36	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
38	necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it
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4.3	Sec. 1. Aquaculture moratorium. Resolved: That,
42	notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapter 605, subchapter II, the Department of Marine Resources may not
44	accept applications for or issue a new finfish aquaculture lease for an area in Blue Hill Bay for a period of 2 years after the
46	effective date of this resolve. For purposes of this resolve, "an area in Blue Hill Bay" means all waters northerly of a line
48	extending in a straight line between Flye Point in Brooklin to Dodge Point in Tremont; and be it further

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## COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " to H.P. 927, L.D. 1241

- Sec. 2. Consideration of ecosystem study findings. Resolved: That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapter 605, subchapter II, following the 2-year moratorium pursuant to section 1 and prior to the issuance of a new finfish aquaculture lease for an area in Blue Hill Bay, the Department of Marine Resources shall consider the findings of relevant studies on the effects of aquaculture activities in the ecosystem of Blue Hill Bay; and be it further
- Sec. 3. Application. Resolved: That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 302, this resolve applies to all proceedings pending on the effective date of this resolve.
- Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.'

18 SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources. The amendment provides that the Department of Marine Resources may not accept applications for or issue new finfish aquaculture leases in Blue Hill Bay for 2 The amendment also directs the Department of Marine Resources to consider the findings of relevant ecosystem studies of Blue Hill Bay prior to issuing a new finfish aquaculture lease in Blue Hill Bay after the completion of the 2-year moratorium. The amendment also provides that the resolve applies to all proceedings pending on the effective date of the resolve. amendment does not prohibit the Department of Marine Resources from processing applications that are accepted prior to the effective date of this resolve; however, new leases can not be issued on those applications. The amendment also adds emergency preamble to the resolve. The amendment also removes the requirement for the Department of Marine Resources to undertake a study of the effects of aquaculture on the ecosystem of the bay.