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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2002

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House of Representatives, December 20, 2001

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**Resolve, Directing the Department of Marine Resources to Participate in  
a Scientific Assessment of the Activities in the Great Salt Bay.**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative HALL of Bristol.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, LANDRY of Patten, PARADIS of Frenchville, RINES of Wiscasset.

2         **Sec. 1. Definitions. Resolved:** That, as used in this resolve,  
unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have  
the following meanings.

4             1. "Department" means the Department of Marine Resources.

6             2. "Great Salt Bay" means the tidal portion of the  
8 Damariscotta River in the towns of Damariscotta, Newcastle and  
Nobleboro that is north of the U.S. Route 1 highway bridge; and  
10 be it further

12         **Sec. 2. Participation in study. Resolved:** That the department  
shall participate in the planning and evaluation of a privately  
14 funded study of the Great Salt Bay's ecology and resources during  
the period ending June 30, 2005, including representation of the  
16 department on a joint study management committee to be formed of  
representatives of the shellfish harvesting community,  
18 recreational ice anglers, the local land trusts, municipal  
officers of the towns of Damariscotta, Newcastle and Nobleboro  
20 and the University of Maine Darling Marine Center laboratory; and  
be it further

22         **Sec. 3. Moratorium on fishing and harvesting activities. Resolved:**  
24 That the department shall impose a moratorium on fishing and  
harvesting activities in the Great Salt Bay that were not  
26 permitted as of July 1, 2001, for a period of 4 years ending June  
30, 2005, pending a scientific assessment of the bay.

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30                             **SUMMARY**

32         This resolve directs the Department of Marine Resources to  
participate in a privately funded study of the activities in the  
34 Great Salt Bay. It also requires the department to place a  
4-year moratorium on new fishing and harvesting activities in the  
36 Great Salt Bay pending the outcome of the assessment.