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**Resolve, Establishing a Study Group To Improve the Planning and  
Management for Multiple Uses of Marine Waters**

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

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Presented by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach.  
Cosponsored by Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

**Sec. 1. Marine bay management and planning program. Resolved:**

2 That the Land and Water Resources Council established in the  
3 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3331, within existing  
4 budgeted resources, shall study the development and  
5 implementation of a marine bay management and planning program  
6 for estuarine and marine waters in Maine. The study must  
7 include, but is not limited to, an examination of the merits of  
8 such a program and the steps necessary to develop and implement a  
9 program. The council shall also estimate the costs of developing  
10 and implementing a marine bay management and planning program and  
11 recommend any legislation necessary to initiate development and  
12 implementation of such a program; and be it further

14 **Sec. 2. Duties. Resolved:** That the Land and Water Resources  
15 Council shall examine the following issues:

16 1. Increased private and local stewardship of the marine  
17 environment;

18 2. Ecological sustainability and biodiversity protection,  
19 with particular attention to Atlantic salmon rivers and habitat;

20 3. Protection of cultural and scenic values;

21 4. Appropriate geographic scope of individual bay plans;

22 5. Traditional and emerging economies and demographic  
23 trends around bays;

24 6. Impacts on the boundary between Maine and Canada;

25 7. Access to coastal water and public lands;

26 8. Impacts of marine development on riparian landowners;

27 9. Existing and creation of new marine protected areas;

28 10. Preservation of working waterfronts and municipal and  
29 commercial infrastructure and other shoreside land uses; and

30 11. Incentives, sanctions and penalties; and be it further

31 **Sec. 3. Consultation; input. Resolved:** That as part of the Land  
32 and Water Resources Council study, the council or the council's  
33 staff shall hold 2 or more meetings for the purpose of  
34 consultation with and gathering input from the following  
35 representatives of affected groups:

36 1. A representative of coastal municipalities;

- 2           2. A representative of the lobster fishing industry;
- 4           3. A representative of the commercial fishing industry  
other than lobstering;
- 6           4. A representative of commercial boat captains;
- 8           5. A representative of the marine trades industry, such as  
a boat builder or a marina owner;
- 10          6. A representative of a coastal business, such as an  
innkeeper, restaurateur or campground owner;
- 14          7. A representative of a commercial recreational business,  
such as a schooner captain, kayak outfitter or fishing guide;
- 16          8. A representative of the finfish aquaculture industry;
- 18          9. A representative of the shellfish aquaculture industry;
- 20          10. A representative who has expertise in land conservation;
- 22          11. A representative who has expertise in marine  
conservation;
- 24          12. A representative who has expertise in conservation of  
fish such as Atlantic salmon;
- 26          13. A representative of an environmental advocacy  
organization;
- 28          14. One scientist from the field of physical oceanography  
or similar field;
- 30          15. One scientist from the field of benthic ecology or  
other field related to the study of the sea bottom;
- 32          16. One marine biologist;
- 34          17. One expert on Maine coastal heritage and culture; and
- 36          18. One citizen at large.

44           Representatives may be from the state university system but  
may not be employees of a state agency.

46           The council or its staff shall incorporate at least 2  
48           opportunities for public input and comment into its study; and be  
it further

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