

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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MARINE RESOURCES

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
121ST LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1280, L.D. 1758, Bill, "An Act To Correct Certain Errors and Inconsistencies in Marine Resources Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 7.

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 9 the following:

Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §6743, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 297, §4, is amended to read:

3. Exception. This section shall does not apply to the taking of quahogs under the authority of section 6856 ~~ex--to quahogs kept or washed in waters sterilized with a system which has been approved in writing by the commissioner, provided that the waters are also approved for that use.~~

Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §6747, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 328, §3, is amended to read:

3. Exception. This section shall does not apply to:

A. The taking of mussels under the authority of section 6856 ~~ex.~~

B. ~~Mussels kept or washed in waters sterilized with a system that has been approved in writing by the commissioner, provided that the waters are also approved for that use.~~

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1280, L.D. 1758

2 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 12 the following:

4 'Sec. 13. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

6 **MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

8 **Bureau of Resource Management 0027**

10 Initiative: Provides a base allocation for the Marine Fisheries  
12 and Research Development Fund.

14	<b>Other Special Revenue Funds</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>
16	All Other	\$0	\$500
18	Other Special Revenue Funds Total	\$0	\$500'

20 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any  
22 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
24 consecutively.

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This amendment strikes the provision from the bill that  
30 prohibits the possession of striped bass except for personal  
32 use. Additionally, the amendment strikes language that allows a  
person under certain conditions to wash or keep quahogs and  
mussels in closed waters.

34 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
36 **(See attached)**

**121st Maine Legislature  
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



**LD 1758**

**An Act To Correct Certain Errors and Inconsistencies in Marine  
Resources Laws**

**LR 2616(02)**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment ""**

**Committee: Marine Resources**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

**Fiscal Note**

	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>Projections 2005-06</b>	<b>Projections 2006-07</b>
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500
<b>Transfers</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The establishment of the Marine Fisheries Research and Development Fund will require a base annual Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$500 beginning in fiscal year 2004-05.

The Department of Marine Resources estimates that approximately \$150,000 will be transferred from the Aquarium and Resource Center at West Boothbay Harbor Fund to the Department of Marine Resources Educational Fund and that approximately \$175,000 will be transferred from the gas tax fund to the Marine Fisheries Research and Development Fund.