

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1325

House of Representatives, May 4, 2007

**An Act To Create Jobs through the Establishment of a Fund To  
Enhance Maine's Marine Resource Economy**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative EMERY of Cutler.  
Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and  
Representatives: CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland,  
FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, PINGREE of North Haven, TARDY of Newport, Senators:  
MARTIN of Aroostook, ROSEN of Hancock, WESTON of Waldo.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6037** is enacted to read:

3 **§6037. Marine Fisheries Stock Enhancement Fund**

4 **1. Fund established.** The Marine Fisheries Stock Enhancement Fund, referred to in  
5 this section as "the fund," is established as a nonlapsing fund within the department to  
6 improve the marine economy in this State. Unexpended balances in the fund at the end of  
7 the fiscal year do not lapse and must be carried forward to the next fiscal year and used  
8 for the purposes of this section.

9 **2. Uses of fund.** Money in the fund must be administered by the department for  
10 commercial marine stock enhancement to improve the marine economy in this State  
11 through applied research, development, production of harvested marine species,  
12 infrastructure, monitoring and assessment. Money in the fund may be used as federal  
13 matching funds.

14 **3. Department may accept contributions to fund.** The department may accept  
15 money from any public or private source to augment state contributions to the fund.

16 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
17 allocations are made.

18 **MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

19 **Marine Fisheries Stock Enhancement Fund**

20 Initiative: Appropriates funding to be used by the Department of Marine Resources to  
21 fund the Marine Fisheries Stock Enhancement Fund established in the Maine Revised  
22 Statutes, Title 12, section 6037.

23 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
24 All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
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26 <b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<hr/> \$250,000	<hr/> \$250,000

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill establishes the Marine Fisheries Stock Enhancement Fund in the Department  
29 of Marine Resources. Money in the fund must be administered by the department for  
30 commercial marine stock enhancement to improve the marine economy in this State  
31 through applied research, development, production of harvested marine species,  
32 infrastructure, monitoring and assessment. Money in the fund may be used as federal  
33 matching funds. The bill appropriates \$250,000 in each year of the 2008-09 biennium to  
34 the Marine Fisheries Stock Enhancement Fund.