

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Minority

MARINE RESOURCES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 935, L.D. 1331, Bill, "An Act Regarding Saltwater Recreational Fishing"

Amend the bill in section 12 in §6506 by striking out all of subsection 4 (page 5, lines 28 to 36 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

4. Exemptions. A license is not required to engage in saltwater recreational fishing in coastal waters for:

A. An individual under 16 years of age or a resident 70 years of age or older;

B. A passenger or crew member on board a vessel captained by an individual who possesses a current guide license for tidewater fishing issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in accordance with section 12853;

C. A passenger or crew member on board a vessel carrying 7 or more for-hire passengers engaged in recreational saltwater fishing;

D. An individual renting a smelt fishing camp from a commercial operator;

E. An individual who possesses a current tidewater fishing guide license issued in accordance with section 12853; and

F. An individual that possesses a valid New Hampshire saltwater recreational fishing license or is registered with that state to recreationally fish in saltwater.'

Amend the bill in section 12 in §6506 in subsection 6 in paragraph A in the first line (page 6, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Fifteen" and inserting the following: 'Five'

Amend the bill in section 12 in §6506 in subsection 6 in paragraph B in the first line (page 6, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Thirty" and inserting the following: 'Fifteen'

Amend the bill in section 12 in §6506 in subsection 6 in paragraph C in the first line (page 6, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Fifteen" and inserting the following: 'Eight'

1 Amend the bill in section 12 in §6506 in subsection 6 in paragraph D in the first line  
2 (page 6, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Fifteen" and inserting the  
3 following: 'Eight'

4 Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

5 '**Sec. 14. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
6 allocations are made.

7 **MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF**

8 **Bureau of Resource Management 0027**

9 Initiative: Provides funding for one 1/2-time Public Service Manager I position, 3  
10 seasonal 1/2-time Marine Patrol Officer positions and related All Other costs to enforce  
11 the newly created saltwater recreational fishing license.

	2009-10	2010-11
12 <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
13 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.500
14 POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.000	1.500
15 Personal Services	\$0	\$90,941
16 All Other	\$0	\$90,698
17		
18 <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$181,639</u>

19 **Sec. 15. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2011.'

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This amendment is the minority report and reduces the fee for a resident saltwater  
22 recreational fishing license from \$15 to \$5 and reduces the nonresident fee from \$30 to  
23 \$15 for an annual nonresident saltwater recreational fishing license and from \$15 to \$8  
24 for other saltwater recreational fishing licenses. It provides reciprocity for a person  
25 licensed or registered in New Hampshire to recreationally fish in salt water and it  
26 provides that the provisions of the bill take effect January 1, 2011. The amendment also  
27 adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)



# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1331

LR 540(02)

## An Act Regarding Saltwater Recreational Fishing

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"  
 Committee: Marine Resources  
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$181,639	\$471,115	\$414,764
<b>Revenue</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$267,930	\$1,545,750	\$2,061,000

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill creates a saltwater recreational fishing license, effective January 1, 2011, and dedicates the fees to the Marine Recreation Fishing Conservation and Management Fund. The bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$181,639 in fiscal year 2010-11 to the Department of Marine Resources for one half-time Public Service Manager I position, three seasonal half-time Marine Patrol Officer positions and related administrative costs to enforce the newly created saltwater recreational fishing license. Administrative costs include technology, central fleet management and license processing costs. The new saltwater recreational fishing license is estimated to increase Other Special Revenue Funds revenue by \$267,930 in fiscal year 2010-11.