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L.D. 369
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MARINE RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 275, L.D. 369, Bill, "An Act To Establish the Seaweed Advisory Council and To Enhance the Management of the Seaweed Fishery"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Establish the Seaweed Fisheries Advisory Council and To Enhance the Management of the Seaweed Fishery'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 57-H in the first line (page 1, line 4 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Seaweed" the following: 'Fisheries'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §6087 in the first line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Seaweed" the following: 'Fisheries'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §6087 in subsection 1 in the first line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Seaweed" the following: 'Fisheries'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §6087 in subsection 1 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "5" and inserting the following: '7'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §6087 in subsection 1 in paragraph A in the first line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "each" and inserting the following: 'process seaweed or'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §6087 in subsection 1 in paragraph B in the first line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "; and" and inserting the following: 'or their designees;'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §6087 in subsection 1 in paragraph C in the first line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "1" and inserting the following: '2'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §6087 in subsection 1 by inserting after paragraph C the following:

- 'D. One member who harvests seaweed; and
- E. One member of the public.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Amend the bill in section 2 in §6087 in subsection 2 in paragraph A in the first 2 lines
2 (page 1, lines 17 and 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and the joint standing
3 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters"

4 Amend the bill in section 2 in §6087 in subsection 5 in the last line (page 1, line 31 in
5 L.D.) by striking out the following: "the chair or"

6 Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 3 in the 2nd to last line (page 2, line 5 in
7 L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Seaweed" the following: 'Fisheries'

8 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

9 '**Sec. 4. Staggered terms.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12,
10 section 6087, subsection 3, of the initial appointments of the Seaweed Fisheries Advisory
11 Council, the Commissioner of Marine Resources shall designate the first appointment for
12 a one-year term, the next 2 appointments for 2-year terms and any other appointments for
13 3-year terms. An initial term of one or 2 years may not be considered a full term for
14 purposes of limiting the number of terms for which a member may serve.'

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment renames
17 the Seaweed Advisory Council, as it is named in the bill, the Seaweed Fisheries Advisory
18 Council. It also adds a member who harvests seaweed and a member of the public to the
19 council. The amendment removes the requirement that the council make
20 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
21 over marine resources matters and removes the provision in the bill that allows the chair
22 of the council to call meetings of the council.

23 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

24 (See attached)



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LD 369

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An Act To Establish the Seaweed Advisory Council and To Enhance the Management of the Seaweed Fishery

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-34)

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Marine Resources to administer the Seaweed Fisheries Advisory Council are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.