

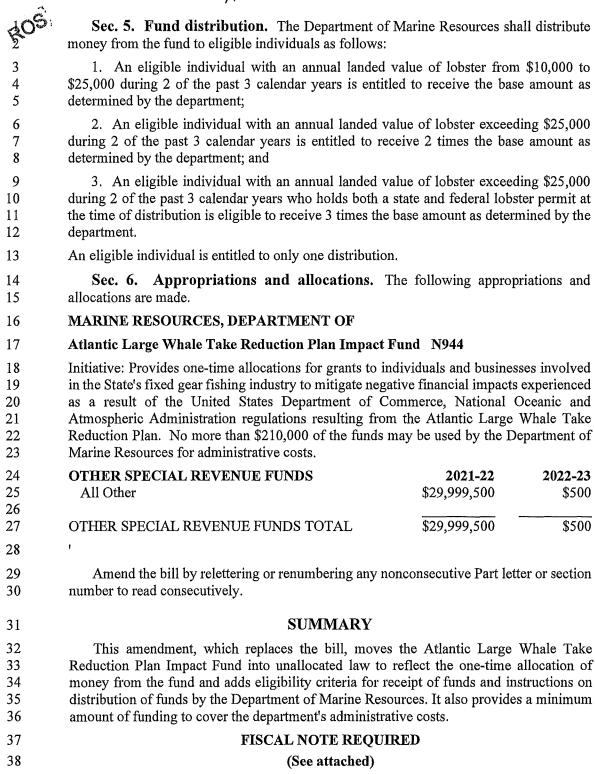
L.D. 1898

Date: 3-23-22 (Filing No. H-828) 2 MAJORITY 3 MARINE RESOURCES Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House. 4 STATE OF MAINE 5 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 6 7 **130TH LEGISLATURE** SECOND REGULAR SESSION 8 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1405, L.D. 1898, "An Act To Address 9 the Economic Impact of Federal Closures on Maine's Fixed Gear Fishing Industry" 10 11 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the 12 following: 13 'Sec. 1. Fund established. The Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Impact Fund, referred to in this Act as "the fund," is established as a nonlapsing fund within the . 14 15 Department of Marine Resources to mitigate negative financial impacts experienced by individuals and businesses involved in the State's fixed gear fishing industry resulting from 16 17 the amendment of 50 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 229.2, 229.32 and 697.21 18 published in 86 Federal Register, 52011 to 52024 (2021). 19 Sec. 2. Report. The Department of Marine Resources shall report on the status of 20 the fund by January 15, 2023 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having 21 jurisdiction over marine resources matters. The report must include the amount of funds 22 distributed to each recipient, the number of recipients and the results achieved or negative 23 impact mitigated. The joint standing committee may report out a bill based on the report to 24 the 131st Legislature in 2023. 25 Sec. 3. Transfer. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2022, the State Controller shall transfer \$30,000,000 from the unappropriated 26 surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Marine Resources, Atlantic Large Whale 27 Take Reduction Plan Impact Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account. 28 29 Sec. 4. Eligibility criteria. To be eligible to receive money from the fund, an 30 individual must: 1. Be a resident of the State; 31 32 2. Have held a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license pursuant to 33 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6421 in each of the past 3 calendar years; and 34 3. Have purchased at least 400 lobster trap tags during 2 of the past 3 calendar years.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "H" to H.P. 1405, L.D. 1898



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An Act To Address the Economic Impact of Federal Closures on Maine's Fixed Gear Fishing Industry

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment (H+828) Committee: Marine Resources Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings) General Fund	\$30,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations Other Special Revenue Funds	\$29,999,500	\$500	\$0	\$0
Transfers General Fund Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$30,000,000) \$30,000,000	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Impact Fund within the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) to mitigate negative financial impacts experienced by individuals and businesses involved in the State's fixed-gear fishing industry. The bill transfers \$30,000,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the fund. The bill includes accompanying allocations of \$29,999,500 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$500 in fiscal year 2022-23 to allow disbursement of the funds to individuals and businesses who meet the eligibility criteria.