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MARINE RESOURCES

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

131ST LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 859, L.D. 2031, "An Act to Make Technical Changes to the State's Marine Resources Laws"

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

'An Act to Make Changes to the State's Marine Resources Laws'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

'Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §6749-Q, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 740, §3, is amended to read:

4. Wholesale seafood license with a sea urchin buyer's permit. Five One hundred and sixty dollars on a wholesale seafood license with a sea urchin buyer's permit; and'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

'Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §6808, sub-§4-B is enacted to read:

4-B. Municipal exemption. Notwithstanding subsection 1, a license is not required to fish for, take, possess or transport green crabs if the green crabs are taken by a person acting at the direction of a municipal shellfish management committee, established pursuant to section 6671, subsection 2, for the purpose of municipal shellfish management. Green crabs taken under this exemption may not be sold.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the surcharge for a wholesale seafood license with a sea urchin buyer's permit from \$500 to \$160. It also adds an exemption for the harvesting of green crabs that provides that a person may fish for, take, possess or transport green crabs without a license if the person is acting at the direction of a municipal shellfish management

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)

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LD 2031

LR 2682(02)

An Act to Make Technical Changes to the State's Marine Resources Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (5-558)
Committee: Marine Resources
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds.
Eliminates Aquaculture Monitoring, Research and Development Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill reduces the surcharge on a Wholesale seafood license with a sea urchin buyer's permit from \$500 to \$160. The bill also allows the harvesting of green crabs without a license under certain conditions. Any Other Special Revenue Funds revenue decreases as a result of these changes is not anticipated to be significant.

Because the Aquaculture Monitoring, Research, and Development Fund is not capitalized, no accompanying deallocations or transfers are required as a result of its elimination.