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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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1999

Whereas, it is in the interest of the State to study limited entry in the shrimp fishery; and

Whereas, a study must be initiated promptly in order that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for the next legislative session; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved: That the Task Force to Study Limited Entry in the Shrimp Fishery, referred to in this resolve as the "task force," is established; and be it further

Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the task force consists of the following 8 members, appointed by the Commissioner of Marine Resources:

1. Seven members representing the shrimp industry, who must reflect a geographical distribution along the coast and represent users of different gear types; and

2. One member employed by the Department of Marine Resources who has expertise in the shrimp fishery; and be it further

Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved: That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The first meeting of the task force must convene no later than June 1, 1999. The task force may hold up to 6 meetings and the task force shall notify the members of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources of each meeting; and be it further

Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved: That the task force shall study whether access to the Gulf of Maine shrimp fishery should be limited for the purpose of conserving the shrimp resource. The task force shall report its findings and conclusions and any proposed legislation by November 15, 1999 to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources. The Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources may report out legislation during the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature regarding limited entry and licensing in the shrimp fishery; and be it further

Sec. 5. Staff. Resolved: That the Department of Marine Resources shall provide the task force with staff and clerical assistance; and be it further

Sec. 6. Compensation. Resolved: That members of the task force serve without compensation; and be it further

Sec. 7. Funding. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Marine Resources may accept and administer any outside funds contributed to support the work of the task force; and be it further

Sec. 8. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1999-00

**MARINE RESOURCES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Division of Administrative
Services**

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| All Other | \$3,000 |
| Provides funds for the costs associated with staffing the Task Force to Study Limited Entry in the Shrimp Fishery. | |

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective June 11, 1999.

CHAPTER 70

S.P. 501 - L.D. 1502

**Resolve, to Study the Changes in
Lobster Morbidity and Mortality**

Emergency preamble. **Whereas**, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, there has been an apparent increase in lobster morbidity and mortality, particularly in pounded lobster; and

Whereas, the source of the increased morbidity and mortality has not been determined; and

Whereas, the lobster fishery has the highest landed value of Maine fisheries; and

Whereas, the fishery provides a large employment base, including some of the areas of highest unemployment in the State; and

Whereas, the tourist industry is heavily dependent on a reliable supply of high-quality lobster; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Study. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Marine Resources solicit, through the Fish Health Advisory Group or its designee, a request for proposal to study the increase in lobster morbidity and mortality, and that funding in the amount of \$70,000 be provided to an investigator or investigators based on scientific peer review of the responses to the RFP, and that additional funding sources may be sought to supplement the appropriation; and be it further

Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1999-00

**MARINE RESOURCES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Study Commission - Funding

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| All Other | \$70,000 |
| Provides funds for an investigator or investigators to study the changes in lobster morbidity and mortality. | |

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective June 11, 1999.

CHAPTER 71

S.P. 789 - L.D. 2201

**Resolve, to Establish the John H.
Reed-Kenneth M. Curtis Peace
Fellowship**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Seeds of Peace International Camp, located in Otisfield, Maine, helps to secure peace in the Middle East by bringing together Arab and Israeli youth in a neutral, supportive learning environment where they can learn to understand and

respect each other's differences and find common ground for reconciliation; and

Whereas, the Seeds of Peace International Camp has graduated more than 1,000 Israeli, Palestinian, Egyptian, Jordanian, Moroccan, Tunisian and Qatari teenagers since its founding in 1993; and

Whereas, Maine youth have been an essential ingredient to the success of the Seeds of Peace International Camp by serving as hosts for their Middle Eastern peers, by facilitating the building of friendships between Arab and Israeli campers and by serving as ambassadors of Maine to these visitors to our State; and

Whereas, financial support is necessary to permit the continued involvement of Maine youth to serve as hosts for the expanding numbers of Middle Eastern campers who will participate in the Seeds of Peace International Camp during the summer of 1999 and the coming years; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. John H. Reed-Kenneth M. Curtis Peace Fellowship established. Resolved: That the John H. Reed-Kenneth M. Curtis Peace Fellowship, referred to in this resolve as the "fellowship," is established. The fellowship is administered by the Department of Education and provides funds to allow 10 Maine teenagers to attend the Seeds of Peace International Camp during each summer. The Department of Education shall develop a process to select fellowship recipients; and be it further

Sec. 2. Fellowship recipients. Resolved: That 5 of the 10 fellowship recipients each summer must be girls and 5 of the 10 fellowship recipients each summer must be boys. Five of the 10 fellowship recipients each summer must be from the First Congressional District and 5 of the 10 fellowship recipients each summer must be from the Second Congressional District; and be it further

Sec. 3. Funds not lapsing. Resolved: That funds appropriated to the fellowship do not lapse but must be carried forward; and be it further

Sec. 4. Repeal. Resolved: That this resolve is repealed 3 years from the effective date of this resolve; and be it further

Sec. 5. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.