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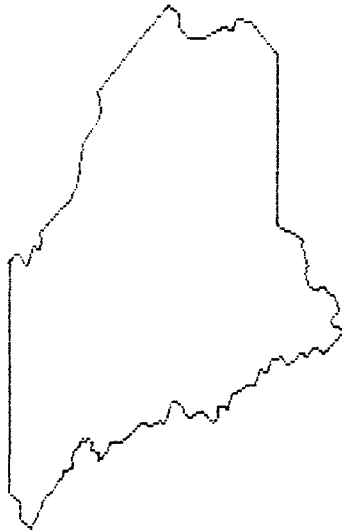


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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
**Marine Resources**

BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES LEGISLATION  
111th Legislature, First Regular Session

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<u>LD</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
37	AN ACT CONCERNING CONFIDENTIAL- ITY OF FISHERIES STATISTICS	Crowley	ENACT. PL 9

**SUMMARY:** Authorizes the Commissioner of Maine Resources, with the advice and consent of the Advisory Council, to adopt rules to provide confidential treatment to fisheries statistics. The bill makes state provisions similar to federal law.

158	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MINIMUM 2-INCH SIZE LIMIT ON SOFT SHELL CLAMS	Dillenback	LV/WD
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**SUMMARY:** This bill would have established a 2" minimum size limit on the taking of soft shell clams. The purpose of the limit is to conserve the resource. Subcommittee hearings were held in Millbridge, Rockland, and Freeport. Public reaction to the proposed was highly mixed. For this reason, the committee will do a study of clam conservation measures this summer, and report its recommendations at the start of the next session.

177	AN ACT RELATING TO THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHTS IN HERRING FISHING	Brown, L	LV/WD
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183	AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SARDINE INSPECTION TAX	Salsbury	OTP-ND
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**SUMMARY:** Enacted in new draft as LD 1117 (c. 116). This bill, to take effect June 1, 1983, authorizes the Maine Sardine Council to raise the sardine tax from 12 cents up to a maximum of 20 cents per case. This increase was determined necessary to maintain the present sardine inspection program administered by the Department of Agriculture.

185	AN ACT CONCERNING THE SARDINE TAX	Vose	LV/WD
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209	AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PURSE SEINES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY	Scarpino	OTP-ND
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**SUMMARY:** Enacted in new draft as LD 1214 (c. ).  
Several bills dealt with gear conflicts between purse seiners and fish

weir fishermen this session. In its original form, this bill would have repealed the requirement that the Commissioner of Marine Resources determine that purse seining will not create a hardship to fixed gear fishermen or unduly deplete the resource before allowing purse seining in Washington County. The final bill repealed this, and also changed the closed season from April 10 through October 15th to April 15th through September 30th. This is a compromise of between the positions advocated by the fixed and mobile gear fishermen.

210 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF PURSE SEINES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY Scarpino LV/WD

211 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A REDUCED FEE FOR LOBSTER FISHING LICENSES FOR PERSONS 70 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER Conners OTP-ND

SUMMARY: Would have provided reduced lobster license fees for persons over 70. The bill died on the appropriations table.

275 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MAINE SARDINE LAW Vose LV/WD

336 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT POSSESSION OF LOBSTERS BY SCALLOP BOATS Salsbury ENACT. PL 52

SUMMARY: Prohibits taking lobsters with scallop drag, or possessing lobsters on a boat rigged for scallop dragging.

501 AN ACT TO LIMIT SCALLOP DRAGGING Randall LV/WD

502 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF MARINE RESOURCES REGARDING FISHWAYS Carter