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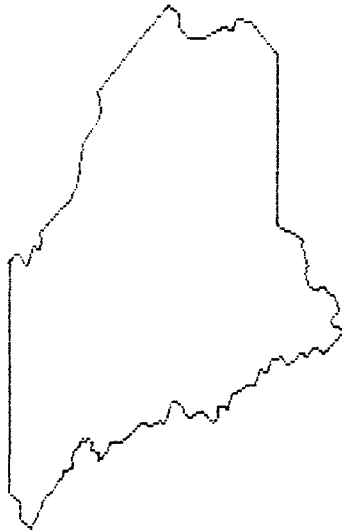


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STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
**Marine Resources**

BILL SUMMARY



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1007 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE POSSESSION OR LANDING OF PLUGGED LOBSTERS Crowley OTP-ND

SUMMARY: Enacted in new draft as LD 1456 (c. 227).

Authorizes the Commissioner of Marine Resources to adopt regulations prohibiting the possession of plugged lobsters, provided that he has determined that these regulations will not adversely affect lobster importation from Canada.

1080 AN ACT CONCERNING FISHWAYS IN DAMS AND OTHER ARTIFICIAL OBSTRUCTIONS IN COASTAL WATER Minkowsky REF'D TO COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: Enacted in new draft as LD (c. ).

The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife currently has the authority to require fishways on new or existing dams. This and a related bill, ID , revises the administrative procedures for determining the need for fishways, and grants enforcement authority to the Commissioner of Marine Resources over dams in tidal waters.

1117 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SARDINE INSPECTION TAX Salsbury ENACT. PL 85

1171 AN ACT TO LICENSE THE HARVEST OF SEaweEDS Minkowsky ENACT. PL 116

1172 AN ACT TO LICENSE THE HARVEST OF SEaweEDS Minkowsky

1175 AN ACT TO REJUVENATE THE FISHING INDUSTRY IN MAINE Brown, L REF'D TO COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: Enacted in new draft as LD 1652 (c. ).

Provides funding to 3 programs to encourage development of renewable marine resources. The programs were included in the recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on the Economy of Washington County relating to renewable marine resources. The shellfish pathology program is designed to strengthen the state's shellfish certification program. As the aquaculture industry continues to refine its techniques, expand its operations and provide more and diverse products, the need to provide pathological assessment services will increase. Part of this situation involves the importation of product, both for culturing as seed stock and for table stock. In either case, it is important to know that the imported product is free from disease to prevent contamination of the state's waters. The other direction is important, as well as the state's producers seek to sell

both seed stock and table stock, both nationally and internationally. Without certification that the product is disease free, these markets would be lost. This program provides these services.

The Fisheries Development Fund provides technical support in dealing with problems related to moving raw products between the boat and the processing plant, between plants and within plants. It provides assistance in problems related to product form, a question of what the processor can produce and what the marketplace needs or is willing to accept. The fund provides resources for directing assistance to the shellfish industry in areas of management, an issue which, because of the need for local implementation, requires a great deal of direct attention.

The shellfish reseeded program provides a mechanized harvesting capability for improving soft shell clam production along the coast. Transplanting small clams has been recognized as a desirable conservation and management activity since the early 1900's. Hand harvesting and transplanting has been used in many locations over the years. The difficulty and inefficiency of hand labor is illustrated in a bushel of one-inch clams. Picking this number up by hand during a low tide period is a tremendous task. Rudimentary hydraulic equipment has been developed in the past that has improved this efficiency manyfold under ideal conditions.

The following funds were appropriated from the General Fund:

	<u>1983-84</u>	<u>1984-85</u>
<u>MARINE RESOURCES,</u>		
<u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
Pathology program		
Positions	(1)	(2)
Personal Services	\$14,000	\$46,000
All Other	10,000	10,000
Capital Expenditures	3,000	1,000
Total	<u>\$27,000</u>	<u>\$57,000</u>
Shellfish reseeded program		
Positions	(1)	(1 1/2)
Personal Services	\$16,861	\$34,991
All Other	12,000	15,000
Capital Expenditures	50,000	1,000
Total	<u>\$78,861</u>	<u>\$50,991</u>

Fisheries Development Fund

Positions	(2)	(2)
Personal Services	\$32,445	\$48,667
All Other	10,000	20,000
Capital Expenditures	12,000	3,000
Total	<u>\$54,445</u>	<u>\$71,667</u>
TOTAL	\$160,306	\$179,658
1185	AN ACT TO CHANGE THE SEASON DURING WHICH SCALLOPS MAY BE TAKEN	Zirnkilton LV/WD
1186	AN ACT TO PLACE A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF LOBSTER TRAPS A PERSON MAY USE TO TAKE LOBSTER	Zirnkilton LV/WD
1187	AN ACT RELATING TO CLAM REGULATION IN THE UNORGANIZED TERRITORIES	Vose ENACT. PL 283

SUMMARY: This bill authorizes unorganized townships to adopt shellfish conservation programs similar to programs in organized municipalities. The county commissioners will act as the municipal legislative body, provided that the majority of the inhabitants have voted to adopt a conservation program. Any necessary funding could be raised through the unorganized territories educational and services tax.

1207	AN ACT CONCERNING MENHADEN FISHING IN CASCO BAY	Livesay	REF'D TO COMMITTEE
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SUMMARY: There is a gear conflict between large and small menhaden seiners in Casco Bay. This bill would have prohibited the taking of menhaden by seine in the area from Princess Point to Cape Small without a permit from the Department of Marine Resources. The bill also would have prohibited the transportation of more than 50,000 pounds of menhaden within this area. The bill was carried over for further study during the interim.

1212	RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING THE ATLANTIC SEA RUN SALMON COMMISSION TO CONVEY SALMON SMOLT TO OCEAN PRODUCTS, INC	Brown, L	ENACT. RESOLVE 22
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SUMMARY: This resolve authorizes the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission to convey 100,000 salmon smolt to Ocean Products, Inc., for use in private pen-culture aquaculture operations in Washington County upon 2