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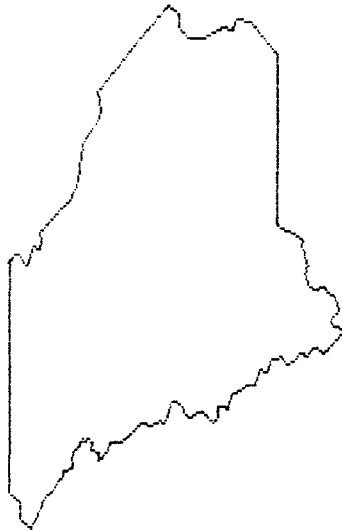


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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
Marine Resources

BILL SUMMARY



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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

conditions: First, that the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Services consent to use of smolt raised under joint federal-state programs for this purpose and, 2nd, the Ocean Products, Inc., convey back to the State of Maine 100,000 smolts plus interest within 5 years.

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| 1214 | AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PURSE SEINES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY | Scarpino | ENACT PL 108 |
| 1242 | AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A RECREATIONAL LOBSTER FISHING LICENSE | Zirnkilton | LV/WD |
| 1292 | AN ACT TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE MARINE RESOURCES LAW | Crowley | ENACT. EMER. |

SUMMARY: This bill was submitted by the Department of Marine Resources to clarify laws they administer.

The first section authorizes the Deputy Commissioner to act on aquaculture leases.

The second section authorizes the Department to lease contiguous 5 acre tracts, up to a maximum of 200 acres, for aquaculture.

The third and fourth sections remove the advisory council from aquaculture licensing. In their present role, the Administrative Procedures Act prohibits them from taking talking to affected parties, which reduces their advisory role.

The fifth section amends the commercial fishing license by making it possible for a person to catch bait for personal use without buying a license. This exemption was overlooked when the law revision took place in 1979. It is consistent with other permitted activities in this statute.

The last section amends Title 12, section 6621, which was enacted to allow the holder of aquaculture leases to handle and transplant shellfish during paralytic shellfish poisoning closures. Since then, regulations have been adopted that permit this activity and this law is no longer needed.

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| 1298 | RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES TO SELL THE RESEARCH VESSEL CHALLENGE AND TO CONVERT THE FISHING VESSEL JUBILEE | Brown, L | RESOLVE 29 |
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SUMMARY: Authorizes the Department of Marine Resources to sell the research vessel challenge, and establishes a dedicated account to be used to convert, recondition and maintain the vessel jubilee as a research vessel. The jubilee is a larger, more substantial vessel that will assist the department in its research and law enforcement responsibilities.