

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
**Marine Resources**

BILL SUMMARY



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1362 AN ACT TO PERMIT MUNICIPALITIES TO REGULATE SHELLFISH HARVESTING WITHIN STATE PARK LANDS Mitchell, J

SUMMARY: Provides for review of municipal ordinances affecting clam flats located within state parks. The ordinances will be reviewed by the Commissioner of Marine Resources and the Commissioner of Conservation. Municipal ordinances shall provide opportunity for recreational digging within parks and shall not threaten any important park resources.

1363 AN ACT TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE MARINE RESOURCES ADVISORY COUNCIL Carter

SUMMARY: The present Marine Resources Advisory Council consists of 9 industry representatives. This bill replaces one of these persons with a member representing recreational fishing interests.

1405 AN ACT TO PROTECT UNDERWATER ELECTRIC CABLES AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS Perkins, A ENACT. PL 179

1456 AN ACT TO PROTECT THE QUALITY OF LOBSTERS Crowley ENACT. PL 227

1486 RESOLVE, PROHIBITING THE ISSUANCE OF FISH WEIR LICENSES FOR ONE YEAR Vose RESOLVE 26

1560 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CATCHING OF HERRING FOR BAIT Ainsworth

SUMMARY: Current law allows taking sardines of any size for bait, and prohibits using sardines between 4 1/2 and 9 inches for uses other than human consumption or bait. Sardines are becoming a more scarce and valuable resource. Therefore this bill prohibits taking any sardines less than 4 1/2 inches long, and prohibits using and sardines for anything other than bait or human consumption.

1624 AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTEER MARINE PATROL OFFICERS Minkowsky REF'D TO COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: Authorizes the use of volunteer marine patrol officers. They will be used primarily during the extremely busy summer months to broaden and supplement the range of the department's enforcement efforts.

Their use will be targeted toward seasonal responsibilities such as Atlantic Salmon and striped bass regulations.

Volunteer marine patrol officers will complete reserve officers training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and the Department of Marine Resources law course before being assigned duties under supervision by regular marine patrol officers. The volunteer officers will not be authorized to carry weapons.