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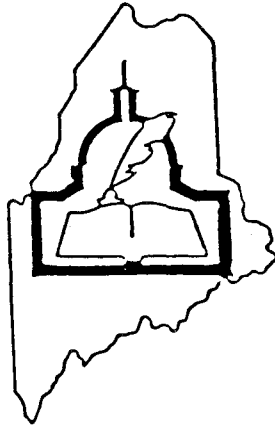
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MARINE RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

LD:- .21 AN ACT TO AMEND THE WEIR LICENSING LAWS . VOSE

ND: 939

MAJ OTP-ND HOUSE Accepted MAJ Committee Report
MIN ONTP SENATE Accepted MAJ Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:
See New Draft LD 939

LD: 31 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF ATLANTIC SALMON SMOLTS AND THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC SALMON VOSE
CALLAHAN
MOHOLLAND

ND: 1180

MAJ OTP-ND HOUSE Indef. PP
MIN ONTP SENATE Indef. PP
GOV

SUMMARY:
See New Draft LD 1180

LD: 51 AN ACT REGARDING NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL SHELLFISH CONSERVATION PROGRAMS MANNING
HOLLOWAY
COLES
CHALMERS

MAJ OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted
MIN ONTP SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED PUBLIC
CH # 48

H-15 CA MAJ REP H S

SUMMARY:
The original bill proposed a new notice procedure for towns requiring municipal licenses for shellfish harvesting. Existing law required the publication of notice in a trade journal. The new procedure would have allowed publication of notice in a newspaper or combination of newspapers with statewide circulation. Scheduling difficulties and unnecessary expense with the use of trade journals (Commercial Fisheries News) were alleged by proponents. Proponents also felt the towns needed greater flexibility in their choice of vehicle for notice. Opponents claimed that some municipalities would subvert the intent of the law and limit public awareness of the availability of nonresident licenses. The committee report (CA H-15) incorporated a

compromise which allows towns to use newspapers with "general circulation" (striking the word "statewide") and adding a requirement that the DMR publish a semiannual summary of municipal licensing provisions in a trade journal.

LD: 52 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE FURNISHING OF LOBSTER AND CRAB FISHING LICENSE HOLDERS WITH ANNUAL COPIES OF THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS CONNERS

LV-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill would have required that the DMR give every applicant for a lobster and crab license a copy of all laws and rules affecting their licensed activities. The committee rejected this proposal as too expensive. The existing system of a biennial summary of marine resources laws was judged to be adequate.

LD: 53 AN ACT TO REVISE THE LICENSE SUSPENSION PENALTIES RELATING TO MARINE RESOURCES CONNERS

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC
SENATE Enacted CH # 43
GOV SIGNED

H-16 CA H S

SUMMARY:

The original bill proposed a mandatory suspension of all marine resources licenses if the license holder violated any marine resources law or refused to allow inspection or seizure by marine patrol officers. The committee rejected these changes as unnecessarily harsh and inflexible. The committee did approve (CA H-16) extension of the potential length of license suspensions on the first, second and third or subsequent convictions. These suspensions are imposed at the Commissioner's (DMR) discretion after conviction.

LD: 54 AN ACT TO REVISE THE LOBSTER FUND CONNERS

LV-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

The bill proposed changes in the type of evidence that could be presented at a hearing on the suspension of a marine