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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
MARINE RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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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

resources license. The bill also proposed elimination of language which defined the scope of the Commissioner's (DMR) decision following such a hearing. The bill proposed mandatory suspension of a lobster license under certain conditions. The bill proposed changes in the scope of legitimate Lobster Fund activities and in the source of lobsters purchased with the monies from the Fund. The committee rejected the proposed changes in license suspensions law and dealt with the Lobster Fund issues in a separate bill (LD 1552).

LD: 55 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CLOSED PERIOD FOR THE CONNERS
TAKING OF LOBSTERS

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

SUMMARY:

The bill proposed changes in the daily closed period for lobster fishing during the summer and fall months (June - October). Lobstering after 5 PM would have been banned between June 1st and August 31st. Night lobstering would have been permitted from September 1st through May 31st. The committee rejected the bill on the grounds that it was too restrictive of part-time lobstering.

LD: 83 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CLOSED PERIOD FOR THE CONNERS
TAKING OF LOBSTERS

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

SUMMARY:

Same as LD 55.

LD: 144 AN ACT TO REGULATE THE HARVESTING OF SCALLOPS SCARPINO

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

SUMMARY:

The bill eliminates the personal use exemption for the taking of scallops and would require all scallop harvesters (sport and commercial) to obtain a commercial scallop license. The committee rejected the bill as inconsistent