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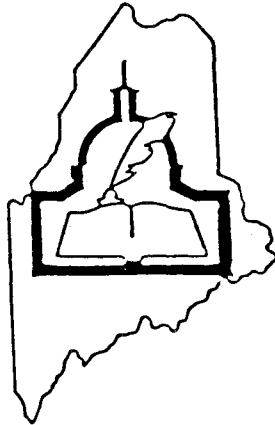
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
MARINE RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
JULY 1985

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.

LD: 231 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DIVING FOR SCALLOPS SCARPINO
LV-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill had a similar intent to LD 144. It would have repealed the personal use exemption for scallops and banned any hand harvesting of scallops by divers.

LD: 254 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF LOBSTER MEASURES BY THE STATE CROWLEY
SALSBUURY
VOSE
ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

The bill would have revised the statutes governing the sale and availability of the double-guage lobster measure. The changes would have allowed private marketing of lobster guages if certified by the DMR. The committee rejected the bill because of concerns over possible enforcement problems stemming from the use of different brands of guage.

LD: 255 AN ACT TO DEPUTIZE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE OFFICERS AND UNITED STATES COAST CROWLEY
VOSE
ND: 775 GUARD PERSONNEL AS DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES MARINE PATROL OFFICERS AND DEFINE POSSESSION RICE
BROWN L
OTP-ND HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

See New Draft LD 775

LD: 272 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF FROZEN LOBSTER TAILS CROWLEY
COLES
MAJ OTP-AM HOUSE Emerg. Enacted PUBLIC
MIN ONTP SENATE Emerg. Enacted CH # 129
GOV EMER SIGNED
H-68 CA H S

SUMMARY:

This bill authorizes the sale of frozen lobster tails. The committee discussed enforcement procedures and was presented statistical information relating tail length to the standard measure of lobster size (carapace length). Objections were raised on the grounds that this market would open an avenue for the sale of undersized lobsters. The majority of the committee approved the bill with an additional requirement (CA H-68) that the DMR report to the Marine Resources Committee by January 15, 1986 on the implementation of the new law. The committee amendment also provides that the authorization for the sale of frozen tails is repealed on May 1, 1986. Further committee attention to this issue is expected in the 2nd Regular Session of the 112th Legislature.

LD: 390 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SHELLFISHING INDUSTRY MITCHELL
SCARPINO
CHALMERS
COLES

OTP HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC
SENATE Enacted CH # 52
GOV SIGNED

SUMMARY:

This bill changes the certification renewal date for a shellfish sanitation certificate from December 31st to April 30th. This change will improve administration of a largely seasonal industry. The bill also authorizes the Commissioner (DMR) to adopt regulations governing departmental approval of municipal shellfish conservation ordinances.

LD: 487 AN ACT TO REQUIRE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDIES PRIOR TO THE GRANTING OF AN AQUACULTURE LEASE SCARPINO
CONNERS

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

SUMMARY:

The bill would have required an "environmental impact study" prior to the granting of an aquaculture lease. The committee granted the sponsor leave to withdraw on the grounds that existing DMR licensing procedures adequately addressed environmental concerns.