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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
MARINE RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
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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.

SUMMARY:

The bill removes a provision of the scallop license statute that allows crew members of boat to engage in hand harvesting of scallops under the authority of a single license. The effect of the change is to require all crew members directly engaged in harvesting (particularly divers) to hold a commercial hand fishing scallop license.

LD: 627 AN ACT TO PROTECT LOBSTER GEAR CONNERS

MAJ ONTP HOUSE Veto Sustained
MIN OTP SENATE Enacted
GOV VETO
H-130 CA CONF COMM H S

SUMMARY:

The original bill banned the use of "spurs" or other line cutting gear attached to boat propellers. The bill received a majority ought not to pass report. However, the House accepted the minority ought to pass report. The Senate accepted the majority report. A committee of conference recommended an amended version which allowed use of the cutting gear only if the gear was enclosed in a protective cage such has been traditionally used on lobster boats. The Governor vetoed the bill primarily on the grounds that it was unenforceable.

LD: 690 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE TAKING OF SCALLOPS ZIRNKILTON
DURING CERTAIN HOURS OF THE DAY BOIT
SALSBURY
BROWN L

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

SUMMARY:

The bill proposed a ban on night scalloping within three miles of the coast during the month of November, the first month of the scallop season. The committee granted the sponsor leave to withdraw on the grounds that existing DMR regulatory efforts adequately addressed the gear conflict issues in question.