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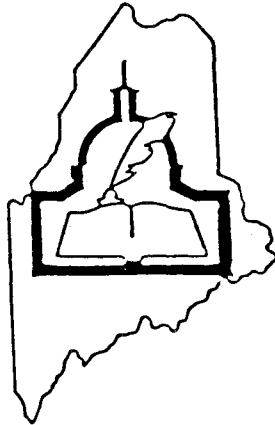
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
MARINE RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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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.

LD: 939
EMERGENCY
ND of 21

AN ACT TO AMEND THE WEIR LICENSING LAWS

VOSE

		HOUSE	Emerg. Enacted			PUBLIC
		SENATE	Emerg. Enacted			CH # 97
		GOV	EMER SIGNED			
H-41	HA	CROWLEY		H	S	
S-17	SA	BUSTIN		H	S	

SUMMARY:

New draft of LD 21. The original bill proposed changes in the bonding requirements for licensed fish weirs and maintenance requirements of the existing weir laws. The new draft required 2 year bonding and revised the maintenance requirements. The effect of the new requirements is to allow a weir license holder to maintain the license if the holder pays the annual fee, submits proof of two years of bond coverage, maintains the weir condition "sufficient to receive netting when fishing conditions warrant", and to complete these actions by July 15th of each year and report on completion by July 22nd to the Commissioner (DMR) and the appropriate municipality. The Commissioner is required to report to each municipality on the status of weirs within the municipality's jurisdiction. Weir fishing for alewives is exempted from the weir licensing laws. The new draft was amended on the floor (H-41) to make it clear that the protected fishing zone around weirs provided in Title 12, §6525-A is only in force if the weir is "in operating condition"; ie is fully dressed with nets and is capable of catching fish. A further technical amendment (S-17) made a slight change in the bill's title.

LD: 952 AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SHIPMENT OF LOBSTERS SCARPINO

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

SUMMARY:

The bill proposed new requirements on the import and transshipping of under- and over-sized lobsters, primarily from Canada. Under- and over-sized lobsters would have had to be sorted and crated in sealed containers prior to entry into the state. A manifest system was proposed to track these containers while in the state. The containers could not have been legally opened within the state. The intent of the bill was to reduce the avenues for marketing illegally sized lobsters caught in Maine. The committee granted the sponsor leave to withdraw on the grounds that the existing regulatory procedures provided adequate control of this problem.