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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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: 972 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAWS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

CROWLEY
CHALMERS
VOSE
SALSBURY

OTP HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 243

SUMMARY:

The bill repeals an unallocated section of a bill passed in the 110th Legislature which required a report by the Commissioner (DMR) on the use of funds from a license increase. The unallocated section was amended in the 111th Legislature to extend the reporting date. The section stipulated that if the report was not made that the license fee sections throughout the marine resources laws would be repealed. The Commissioner has reported and the committee approved the bill to avoid future confusion.

LD: 1042 AN ACT RELATING TO THE MANAGEMENT AND
CONSERVATION OF THE LOBSTER RESOURCE

SCARPINO

MAJ ONFP HOUSE Accepted MAJ Committee Report
MIN OTP SENATE Accepted MAJ Committee Report
GOV
H-192 HA SCARPINO

SUMMARY:

The bill proposed a comprehensive lobster trap limit and limited entry program for the lobster industry. The bill also incorporated provisions for the harvest of oversize, offshore lobsters, lobster hatcheries, a harvest season, trawl limits, time-of-day limits on lobstering and an apprentice program. There was little support for the bill at its hearing. The majority of the committee felt that conditions did not warrant the sweeping actions contained in the bill.

LD: 1043 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAKING OF SMELTS

RUHLIN
SCARPINO
CROWLEY
RICE

OTP HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 217

SUMMARY:

The bill reduces the daily harvest limit on smelt from salt water from 4 to 2 quarts. This is consistent with the limits on inland waters.

LD: 1067 AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE LOBSTER FUND

CHALMERS
CONNERS
COLES
CROWLEY

ND: 1552

OTP-ND/NT HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

See New Draft LD 1552

LD: 1081 AN ACT TO INCREASE FEES FOR LICENSES ISSUED
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

VOSE

MAJ OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted
MIN ONTP SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 379

H-237 CA MAJ REP H S
H-266 CA SCARPINO
H-294 CA SCARPINO H S
H-360 CA SALSBURY H S

SUMMARY:

The original bill proposed license fee increases of 200%. The majority of the committee recommended a 100% increase (CAH-237). The bill was amended on the floor (H-294) to reduce the lobster license, commercial fishing license and scallop license fee increases to \$20. The bill was further amended (H-360) to attach a specific appropriation of the new revenues; primarily to enforcement activities.

LD: 1092 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE MINIMUM SIZE FOR
SCALLOPS

CHALMERS
CROWLEY
VOSE
SALSBURY

OIP HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 208