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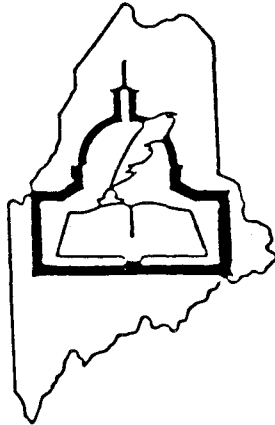
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ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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.

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

SUMMARY:

The bill repealed the statutory minimum size provisions for scallops. This issue is now covered by federal regulations which are subject to intermittent change.

LD: 1165 AN ACT TO LIMIT AQUACULTURE LEASES TO A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS SCARPINO

MAJ ONTP HOUSE Accepted MAJ Committee Report
MIN OTP SENATE Accepted MAJ Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

The bill proposed to limit the duration of aquaculture leases to 5 years. Renewal of the lease would be conditioned on a finding by the Commissioner (DMR) that the renewal "constitutes the best economic use of that site". The majority of the committee felt that this was an unreasonable restriction of aquacultural operations.

LD: 1180 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY ATLANTIC SALMON SMOLTS AND THE CONSERVATION ND of 31 OF ATLANTIC SALMON VOSE CALLAHAN MOHOLLAND

HOUSE Indef. PP
SENATE Indef. PP
GOV

H-55 HA VOSE
H-56 HB VOSE
H-57 HC VOSE

SUMMARY:

New draft of LD 31. The original bill proposed changes in the tagging procedures for the sport salmon fishery. The bill further proposed a requirement for some salmon stocking in all salmon rivers identified in Title 12, §6255. The new draft dropped both of these proposals and substituted language that would allow the Atlantic Sea-run Salmon Commission to allocate salmon smolt to aquaculture operations. The bill was indefinitely postponed on the motion of its sponsor.

LD: 1211 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGIONAL MANAGEMENT OF MARINE FISHERIES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE ATLANTIC STATES CROWLEY BROWN L MITCHELL RICE

HOUSE Ref'd to Committee
SENATE Ref'd to Committee
GOV