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ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
MARINE RESOURCES  
BILL SUMMARY



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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The bill repealed the statutory minimum size provisions for scallops.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

SUMMARY:

The bill proposed an amendment to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact. The primary purpose of the amendment was to establish independent rule-making authority for the Compact. The value of this would have been to streamline the administration of fisheries conservation measures adopted under Compact authority. The amendment further proposed a system of cross-deputizing law enforcement personnel among member states and the federal government (see LD775). The committee voted to hold the bill over for the 2nd Regular Session of the 112th Legislature.

LD: 1351 AN ACT RELATING TO DRAGGING PROHIBITED IN THE FRENCHBORO AREA SALSBURY  
ND: 1534 ZIRNKILTON  
PERKINS

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

SUMMARY:

See New Draft LD 1534

LD: 1352 AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE MARINE FISHERIES RESOURCES OF THE STATE SCARPINO  
ND: 1620

MAJ OTP-ND/NT HOUSE Accepted MAJ Committee Report  
MIN ONIP SENATE Accepted MAJ Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

See New Draft LD 1620

LD: 1416 AN ACT RELATING TO LEASES OF AQUACULTURE SALSBURY  
LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

The bill would have required that an aquaculture lease be granted only with the advice and consent of the Marine Resources Advisory Council. The committee granted the sponsor leave to withdraw on the grounds that such a change would have given the Council quasi-judicial powers inconsistent with its overall purpose and mandate.