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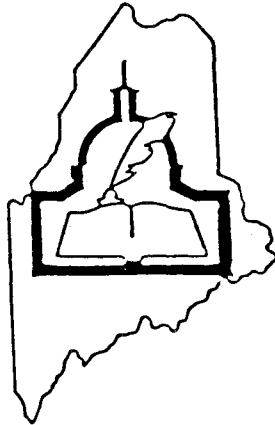
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MARINE RESOURCES
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 1469 AN ACT RELATING TO FISHING BY NET, TRAP OR PERKINS
EMERGENCY WEIR IN THE WATERS OF UNION RIVER BAY AND THE FOSTER
ND of 536 LOWER UNION RIVER IN HANCOCK COUNTY CONNERS
CROWLEY

HOUSE Emerg. Enacted PUBLIC
SENATE Emerg. Enacted CH # 211
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SUMMARY:

New draft of LD 536. The original bill proposed a ban on fishing other than by hook and line and certain other hand methods within Union River Bay. The purpose of the bill was to protect an "alewife sea ranching" project (aquaculture) undertaken by the City of Ellsworth. The new draft provided more precise boundaries for the restricted area and provide exemptions for lobstering and alewife fishing.

LD: 1534 AN ACT RELATING TO SCALLOPING AND DRAGGING SALSBUARY
ND of 1351 IN THE FRENCHBORO AREA ZIRNKILTON
PERKINS

HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC
SENATE Enacted CH # 317
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SUMMARY:

New draft of LD 1351. The original bill banned scallop dragging in an area between Swan's Island and Frenchboro. The new draft prohibited the taking of scallops by any means in the closed area. Some testimony was presented that such a ban would be an unreasonable economic burden on local scallopers. The committee decided, however, that after three cable breaks caused by dragging in a more narrowly defined area the only solution was to close the larger area to all scalloping. Scallop diving is also prohibited to prevent divers from having an advantage over scallop draggers and to establish a conservation area for scallops.

LD: 1547 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW REGARDING THE MANNING
ND of 924 TAKING OF SOFT-SHELL CLAMS RUHLIN
CROWLEY
VOSE

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SENATE Enacted CH # 255
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