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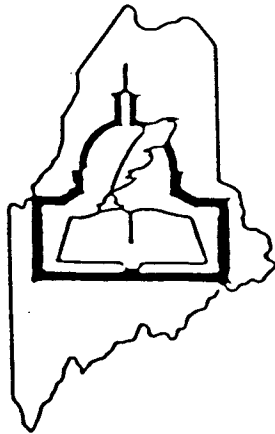
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MARINE RESOURCES
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the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

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

SUMMARY: This is a new draft of LD1720. This bill proposed a change in the minimum legal length of striped bass and reduces the creel limit from 4 fish to 2 fish per day. Two amendments (SA-391 and HA-549) were offered to correct technical problems with the repealer section. SA-391 was adopted and enacted. The bill responds to federal requirements on the conservation of striped bass.

LD AN ACT TO REPEAL THE SARDINE INSPECTION TAX LVWD
2050

Sponsor: VOSE
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill proposed the repeal of the Sardine Inspection Tax. Because of a fiscal note of \$250,000 from the General Fund, the Maine Sardine Council requested that the subject be studied during the interim. The Committee granted a leave to withdraw to the sponsor and requested the study.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO LEASE FEES UNDER THE P&SL 1985
2067 BUREAU OF PUBLIC LANDS c. 88

Sponsor: SCARPINO
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1714.

SUMMARY: The original bill (LD 1714) would have established a new schedule of aquaculture licensing fees modeled generally on the system employed by the Bureau of Public Lands. After considerable testimony regarding the economic impact of the measure on the aquaculture industry, the Committee agreed to direct DMR and the Bureau of Public Lands to conduct a joint study of the subject. The new draft directs these agencies to develop recommendations which are "consistent with existing lease procedures and fees adopted by the Bureau of Public Lands". The recommendations are due on or before January 1, 1987.

LD RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF MARINE RESOURCES TO LEASE LANDS AND BUILDINGS IN WEST BOOTHBAY HARBOR RESOLVE 1985
2076 c. 68

Sponsor: CHALMERS, Manning, Holloway, Vose
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: This resolve reauthorizes the DMR to conclude negotiations with the federal government regarding the leasing of property at the Boothbay Harbor DMR lab to the Bigelow Laboratory, a private, scientific, nonprofit organization. The resolve also extends the leasing authorization to cover properties newly transferred from the federal government to the DMR.

LD AN ACT REGARDING MUSSEL DRAGGING
2130

LVWD

Sponsor: MITCHELL, Coles, Dillenback
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill proposed a closed season on mussel dragging, established definitions of "commercial" and "seed" mussels, restricted drag sizes, limited seed mussel harvesting to designated areas in the intertidal zone, and required "on-board" processing of all mussels. The bill and a companion measure (see LD 1904) were granted a leave to withdraw after the sponsors and the committee agreed to request an interim study on the subject.

LD AN ACT TO CREATE A NONCOMMERCIAL SCALLOP
2173 LICENSE AND TO ADJUST FEES FOR THE SCALLOP
BOAT LICENSE

PL 1985
c. 662

Sponsor: CROWLEY, Brown, L., Mitchell, Rice
Committee Report: OTP

S-438 CHALMERS H S

SUMMARY: This bill corrected an oversight in the marine license fee increase bill from the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature (PL 1985, c. 379). The commercial scallop boat license was raised from \$33 to \$53. The bill also created a \$5 recreational scallop diving license. The Committee unanimously approved the bill. A technical amendment (SA-438) corrected certain legal deficiencies in the bill.

LD AN ACT TO ADJUST THE NONRESIDENT COMMERCIAL
2179 FISHING LICENSE FEE

PL 1985
c. 659

Sponsor: MANNING, Chalmers, Vose, Ruhlin
Committee Report: OTP-AM

H-601 CA H S