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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. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

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

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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-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD AN ACT REGARDING THE 2-INCH CLAM LAW.
456

ONTP

Sponsor: WARREN, Kerry, Higgins
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill sought to allow shellfish dealers to have undersized clams in excess of the 10% statutory tolerance, provided the bulk pile was graded. Dealers are having problems with the 10% tolerance of the 2 inch clam law. The sponsor argued that this law should be enforced on the clam flats and not at the wholesale/retail outlets. The department argued that the effectiveness of the law would be diminished if enforcement could only occur on the flats.

Because the 2 inch clam law is subject to review in March, 1988, the Committee felt they would delay consideration of this issue until that review is undertaken.

LD AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON NEW MUSSEL
563 AQUACULTURE LEASES.

ND LD 1840
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: COLES, Mitchell, Salsbury, Matthews Z
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1840

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1840.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
567 ATLANTIC SEA RUN SALMON COMMISSION.

ND LD 1345

Sponsor: GWADOSKY, Carter, Ruhlin, Matthews Z
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1345

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1345.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE MARINE LICENSING LAW.
762

ONTP

Sponsor: SALSBURY
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill sought to remove the ability of marine wardens to search and inspect vehicles. The sponsor felt that in some instances this power had been abused. The Department felt strongly that this authority was vital for marine law enforcement.