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MARINE RESOURCES

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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 TO AMEND THE 2-INCH CLAM LAW.   ONTP
1622

Sponsor: BEGLEY
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 841   Minority Report

SUMMARY: The original bill sought to repeal the 2 inch
clam law and allow municipalities the discretion of
limiting the size of clams taken in their jurisdiction.
The committee heard arguments from both opponents and
proponents on the success of the program. The 2 inch clam
law is scheduled for legislative review in the next
session. The Committee felt it was appropriate to consider
this measure at that time.

A minority of the committee reported a new draft, LD 1622,
to clarify provisions for nonresident licenses in towns
with reciprocal agreements and increase the percentage of
nonresident licenses required in each municipality. The
Senate accepted the majority ought not to pass.

LD   AN ACT TO CLARIFY CERTAIN ERRORS AND   ND LD 1836
1628   INCONSISTENCIES IN MARINE RESOURCES LAW.

                                                           EMERGENCY

Sponsor: CAHILL, Rice, Look, Crowley
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1836

SUMMARY: See New Draft LD 1836.

LD   AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE ORGANIZATION OF THE MAINE   PL 1987
1707   SARDINE COUNCIL   c. 333
                                                             EMERGENCY

Sponsor: MATTHEWS Z, Rice, Look, Salsbury
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1531
Amendments Adopted:
H-223 MITCHELL

SUMMARY: This bill amends the composition of the Maine
Sardine Council to include only five members. When the
Maine Sardine Tax Law was enacted in 1951, nearly 40
companies were packing sardines in this State. Today only
6 companies are packing sardines in this State.

Current law requires that the council is to consist of no
less than 7 members. With only 6 companies operating in
this State, this requirement could not be met without some
uneven representation. In order to avoid this problem,
this bill changes the statute to allow the council to
consist of no less than 5 members. It has become