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# BILL SUMMARY JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

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# JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES MAY 1988

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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

An Act Relating to Shellfish Sanitation and Monitoring LD PUBLIC 2188 (Reported Pursuant to a Study by the Marine Resources 826 Committee)

SPONSOR (S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED		
	OTP-AM		H-541		

#### SUMMARY

This bill contains the recommendations of a Committee study on paralytic shellfish poison and shellfish sanitation.

The original bill would increase by \$25 all shellfish licenses, hand and boat mussel licenses, shellfish transportation licenses in order to help fund an expanded shellfish monitoring program including the establishment of a monitoring facility at Lamoine. The license fee increases would have raised approximately \$107,200, with the remainder coming from the General Fund.

The Committee amendment also increased the retail seafood license by \$25 in order to provide sufficient revenue to fund the proposed monitoring program without requiring a General Fund appropriation beyond the \$195,000 provided in the Governor's budget.

LD	An Act to Postpone the Effective Date for the Use of	PUBLIC
2206	206 Biodegradable Escape Panels on Lobster Traps	
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COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

New Draft Of LD 2021

The original bill was intended to postpone the requirement of installing ghost trap panels in lobster traps until January 1, 1990. This new draft requires that all lobster traps be equipped with escape panels by January 1, 1990.

LD An Act Relating to Coastal Search and Rescue PUBLIC **2231** Responsibilities and Creating the Study Commission on 814 Coastal Search and Rescue

SPONSOR (S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TUTTLE	OTP-AM	S-367
MITCHELL		S-535 PEARSON
CAHILL		
LOOK		

#### SUMMARY

This bill expands the role of the marine patrol by providing an expanded responsibility in the area of marine search and rescue.

LD 2231 would establish three new marine patrol officers within the Bureau of Marine Patrol. It requires the Bureau to provide search and rescue services

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along the coastal waters of the State with primary emphasis from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The bill provides for search and rescue training of all marine patrol officers, an inventory of potential safety hazards, the identification of landmarks for the identification of rescue locations and the acquisition of necessary rescue equipment.

Funding for expanded responsibilities would be provided by changing the allocation to the Department of Marine Resources of revenues attributable to the gas tax on recreational boating from 20% to 50%.

The Committee amendment granted authority to the Bureau of Marine Patrol to provide search and rescue services and provided for a study commission to review the issue and report back to the 114th Legislature.

LD An Act to Minimize the Environmental, Social and Physical LV/WD 2335 Impact of Tourists on Monhegan Island

SPONSOR (S)	COMMITTEE	REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
SEWALL	LV/WD		
SCARPINO			

#### SUMMARY

This bill would authorize the Commissioner of Marine Resources to allocate the right to carry nonresident passengers for hire to Monhegan Island in order to minimize the environmental, social and physical impact of tourists on Monhegan Island.

LD RESOLVE, Creating the Commission on Marine Research RESOLVE 2387 112

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SPONSOR (S)	COMMITTEE	REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED		
COLES	OTP-AM	MAJ	S-537	PEARSON	
CROWLEY	ONTP	MIN			
RICE					
ESTES					

#### SUMMARY

This bill would establish a study commission to study the status of marine research in the State and identify an overall policy for the State's role in marine research and for coordination with federal funding opportunities. The commission would be required to report to the 114th Legislature.

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