

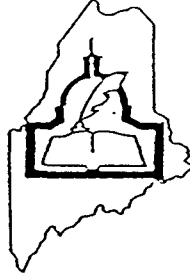
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ON  
MARINE RESOURCES

JULY 1989

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1989

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 for 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 abbreviated 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 Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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

**LD 142**

**An Act to Amend the Membership of the Advisory Council to  
the Department of Marine Resources**

**PUBLIC 8  
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)  
MITCHELL  
BRANNIGAN  
LOOK  
BRAWN

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Last year legislation was enacted which replaced one member of the advisory council to the Department of Marine Resources with the chair of the Lobster Advisory Council as soon as a vacancy appeared on the advisory council. If that legislation had been implemented as enacted it would have created an imbalance in representation by the various commercial or industrial marine resources interests over which the department has jurisdiction. Adequate representation is required by law. This law made the chair of the Lobster Advisory Council a 10th nonvoting member of the advisory council until November 1989. When the next vacancies occur on the advisory council, the chair of the Lobster Advisory Council becomes a voting member of the advisory council and the membership returns to 9 members.

**LD 260      An Act Concerning Seafood Market Development**

**PUBLIC 57**

SPONSOR(S)  
BRAWN  
HUTCHINS  
BRANNIGAN  
MITCHELL

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
S-34

SUMMARY

This law established the Marine Products Seafood Marketing Program to create directed and specific markets into which Maine seafood is sold. The benefits of the publicly supported promotional and seafood merchandizing programs may be significantly enhanced by direct support from Maine producer program participants. It also expanded the voluntary fishery product inspection program to include voluntary inspection of shellfish as well as fish products, allowing for expansion of the program within the guidelines set by the National Shellfish Sanitation Program and the National Marine Fisheries Services.