

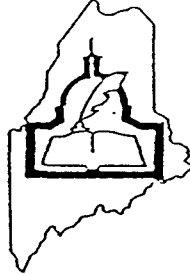
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ON  
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JULY 1989

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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.

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<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
LOOK MARSH BRANNIGAN MITCHELL	OTP-AM	H-441

SUMMARY

The bill, as enacted, made the following changes to the Marine Resources laws.

1. It reestablished the position of Assistant to the Commissioner for Public Information.
2. It amended the law concerning crayfish by repealing the current crayfish license and including crayfish dealers in the wholesale and retail seafood license categories. It also broadened the definition of crayfish to include all varieties, both saltwater and freshwater.
3. It reinstated a penalty provision for refusal to permit inspection or seizure under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6306.
4. It specified that the current law, which allows licensed shellfish harvesters to shuck shellfish they have taken, exempts only shucking of shellfish in the harvesters' homes.
5. It limited the total mussels a person may take without a license to 2 bushels of shell mussels a day, rather than current law which limits the daily take to 2 bushels of shell mussels or 4 quarts of shucked mussels.
6. The Department of Marine Resources is responsible for closely monitoring shellfish facilities which deal in fresh and fresh frozen shellfish product under the terms of the National Shellfish Sanitation Programs. Shellfish which are not fresh or fresh frozen such as pickled, smoked or canned product are not subject to these provisions. The term "process" as currently applied by law makes no distinction as to product form, thus requiring processing facilities to be subject to inappropriate state inspection. This law clarified that circumstance. Shellfish facilities affected will be subject to inspection by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

**LD 437** An Act to Prohibit the Dragging of Scallops in Medomak River until December 1st

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BEGLEY WHITMORE	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill sought to increase the period when scallop dragging is prohibited in the waters of the Medomak River. The bill was withdrawn when the Department of Marine Resources offered to work with the commercial scallop and lobster fishing interests to resolve their conflict.