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# STATE OF MAINE 115TH LEGISLATURE

# FIRST REGULAR SESSION AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

# BILL SUMMARIES JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

# **AUGUST 1991**

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# ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

# JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES

# AUGUST 1991

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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

**PUBLIC XXX** Chapter # of enacted Public Law P&S XXX Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law RESOLVE XXX Chapter # of enacted Resolve CON RES XXX Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses **EMERGENCY** Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days CARRIED OVER Bill carried over to 2nd Session FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT Bill failed to get 2/3 vote ONTP Ought Not to Pass report accepted **LVWD** Leave to Withdraw report accepted INDEF PP Bill Indefinitely Postponed **DIED BETWEEN BODIES** House & Senate disagree; bill died Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto **VETO SUSTAINED** Not signed by Governor within 10 days UNSIGNED DIED ON ADJOURNMENT Action incomplete when 1st session ended

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

# Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

#### An Act to Revise the Lobster Measure LD9

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED** 

VOSE

**TOWNSEND** 

L00K

## **SUMMARY**

This bill would have repealed the schedule of increases in the allowable minimum lobster size in effect on January 1, 1990 and enacted a minimum lobster size of 3 3/16 inches. The bill provided for a schedule of annual lobster minimum size increases to become effective if the Attorney General certified by January 1, 1992 that the Canadian and United States governments had implemented minimum lobster size standards that were at least as restrictive as those set forth in this bill. If the Attorney General certified that this action had occurred, the minimum lobster size would have increased by 1/32 of an inch each year for 4 years beginning on January 1, 1992.

#### LD 52 An Act to Change the Scalloping Season

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

VOSE

**TOWNSEND** 

CONSTANTINE

LOOK

# **SUMMARY**

This bill would have extended the period of time during which scallop harvesting is prohibited.

# LD 76

# An Act Regarding Aquaculture (Reported by the Subcommittee to Study Salmon Aquaculture in Maine)

PUBLIC 381 EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

OTP-AM

LV/WD

H-373

H-547 MITCHELL J

## **SUMMARY**

The original bill was the unanimous report of the Subcommittee to Study Salmon Aquaculture in Maine of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources authorized under Joint Rule 19. The bill, as amended, implements the statutory recommendations of the study subcommittee.

The bill, as amended by committee amendment "A" (H-373), requires aquaculture leases for all finfish and suspension aquaculture and coordinates the leasing programs of the Department of Marine Resources and the Bureau of Public Lands.

The amended bill also prohibits the importation of live salmon or salmon eggs (exclusive of rainbow trout) from Icelandic and European waters and from any area west of the north american continental divide. Aquaculturalists with these stocks already in the State are given until 1995 to use their existing stocks.

The amended bill authorizes a permit-by-rule program within the Department of Marine Resources to reduce

unnecessary regulatory overhead on very small finfish aquaculture operations so long as all existing environmental standards are met. The amended bill also provides an exemption from the minimum size provisions of Atlantic salmon laws for salmon aquaculturalists. The amended bill also establishes a public notice requirement for the use of antibiotics at aquaculture lease sites.

The bill establishes an environmental data collection program coordinated by the Department of Marine Resources. One additional staff person is provided for the aquaculture siting and monitoring program within the Department of Marine Resources and provides funds for environmental research and monitoring related to salmon aquaculture. Funding is provided by a one penny per pound production fee levied on whole fish aquaculture production.

House amendment "A" (H-547) makes technical corrections in the penalty provisions of the bill regarding proprietary information.

#### LD 94 An Act Concerning the Season for Harvesting Scallops

LV/WD

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

FARREN

CARROLL J RUHLIN

BAILEY H

### **SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to extend the period of time during which scallop harvesting is prohibited.

#### LD 122 An Act to Prohibit the Sales and Service of Propeller Spurs

**ONTP** 

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

CONSTANTINE

ONTP

CARROLL J

### SUMMARY

This bill proposed to prohibit the sale or service of automatic line-cutting devices, commonly referred to as "spurs".

#### Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Lobster Trap LD 134 ONTP Limits

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

MITCHELL J

ONTP

SWAZEY WENTWORTH L00K

## SUMMARY

This emergency resolve proposed a 20-member Commission to Study Lobster Trap Limits. The resolve would have required the Commission to hold its first meeting by July 1, 1991, to meet 5 times and to report its findings to the Second Regular Session of the 115th Legislature by November 1, 1991.