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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
MARINE RESOURCES**

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

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

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RYDELL
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COLES**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
H-34 COLES**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to raise the limit on the fee for shellfish licenses for nonresidents from \$150 to \$300 and to raise the \$100 - \$1,000 range of the fine for taking or possessing shellfish contrary to a municipal ordinance to a \$500 - \$1,500 range.

House Amendment "A" (H-34) replaced the bill. The amendment established fines of \$500 to \$1,500 for digging shellfish in a closed area or digging shellfish without a license and fines of \$100 to \$1,000 for violations of any other municipal shellfish conservation ordinances.

SPONSOR(S)
BRANNIGAN**COMMITTEE REPORT**
LV/WD**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to limit the number of people working on a lobster boat to 2. The bill also proposed technical and grammatical corrections to the law.

SPONSOR(S)
ESTES
MITCHELL J
LOOK
HOLLOWAY**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
S-25**SUMMARY**

The bill would have retroactively repealed the increase in the minimum lobster size and retained a minimum size of 3 8/32 until March 1, 1993. On that date, the minimum size would have begun increasing by 1/32 of an inch per year, March 1, 1994. The bill also would have required the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources to hold public hearings to review the results of any new research concerning the lobster measure, including any federal lobster marketing study during the summer of 1992. The committee would have been authorized to report any legislation resulting from the investigation to the Legislature by January 1, 1993.

Committee amendment "A" (S-25) replaced the bill. The amendment established the state minimum lobster size at 3 8/32 inches, with 2 annual increases of 1/32 of an inch contingent upon written certification by the Attorney General that the United States Secretary of Commerce and the states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island have adopted a minimum lobster size and a schedule of minimum size increases that conform to those in this amendment. The amendment struck the schedule for minimum lobster size increases contained in the bill, the requirements for public hearings on the lobster measure and the report to the Legislature, but retained the bill's retroactivity provision. The amendment also requires the Commissioner of Marine Resources to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine