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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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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
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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	<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>

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.

LD 422 An Act to Protect Scuba Divers and Boaters

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
MANNING
MILLS
LAWRENCE

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to require divers to use a flag to mark the area in which diving occurs. It would have prohibited watercraft operators from traveling within a 150-foot radius of the flag. The bill provided a forfeiture of \$50 for a diver who did not display a flag or who failed to stay within a 150-foot radius of the flag and a forfeiture of \$100 for watercraft operators who traveled within a 150-foot radius of the flag.

LD 464 An Act to Require Labeling of Maine Finfish Produced by Aquaculture

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)
HOLT
VOSE
MARSH

COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed labeling requirements for all aquaculture-produced finfish.

LD 474 An Act to Create the Aquaculture Leasing Board

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
MITCHELL J
STEVENS P
HOLT
RUHLIN

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposed the establishment of a 5 member Aquaculture Leasing Board and would have transferred all existing aquaculture leasing authority from the Commissioner of the Department of Marine Resources to the Aquaculture Leasing Board.

LD 476 An Act Concerning the Lobster Harvesting License Fee for Persons 70 Years of Age or OlderDIED ON
ADJOURNMENT

SPONSOR(S)
FARREN
CARROLL J
TOWNSEND
VOSE

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-125**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to freeze the license fee for lobster licenses at \$53 for applicants 70 years of age or older who had held a lobster license for at least 5 years of the previous 10 years.

Committee amendment "A" (H-125) would have eliminated the provision in the bill that a person 70 years of age or older must have held a lobster or crab fishing license for 5 of the previous 10 years to be eligible for a Class I license for an annual fee of \$53. The substance of Committee amendment "A" was incorporated into LD 1673, the omnibus fee bill for the Department of Marine Resources.

LD 488 An Act to Limit the Number of Lobster Traps Per Line ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BRANNIGAN MANNING ADAMS	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to limit the number of lobster traps per line or trawl.

LD 545 An Act to Promote the Safety of Scuba Divers ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GILL AULT MACOMBER	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to requires that divers use a flag to mark the area in which diving occurs. It prohibited a watercraft operator from traveling within a 100-yard radius of the flag. The bill provided a forfeiture of \$50 for a person who does not display a flag while diving and a forfeiture of \$100 for an operator of a watercraft who traveled within a 100-yard radius of the flag.

LD 688 An Act Concerning the Scallop Dragging Limit CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LOOK VOSE FARREN CARROLL J		

SUMMARY

This bill proposes to create a scallop drag size limit of 5 1/2 feet for all waters of the State. The bill also proposed to extend the time during which scallop fishing is prohibited by 15 days.

LD 754 An Act to Prohibit Dumping of Menhaden (By Request) ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MARSANO	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to require persons who use purse seines to fish for menhaden to notify the Commissioner of Marine Resource of their intention and to post a performance bond to pay for damages caused by the release of dead marine animals from purse seines. This bill also proposed to prohibit the release of any dead marine animal or its parts from purse seines into Maine's coastal waters.