

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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  
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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:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<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 781****An Act to Amend the Dates for Scallop Fishing in the Damariscotta River**

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)  
HEINO  
SPEAR  
HOLLOWAY  
MITCHELL J

COMMITTEE REPORT  
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to extend the closed season on scallop fishing in the Damariscotta River to December 1st.

**LD 789****An Act to Improve Grading and Inspection of Maine Sardines**PUBLIC 446  
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)  
TOWNSEND  
VOSE  
MITCHELL J  
BRAWN

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-584  
S-333 VOSE

**SUMMARY**

The bill proposed to remove the Maine Sardine Council from the administrative jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and to establish it as an independent entity, fully funded from sardine, kipper and steak taxes. Committee amendment "A" (H-584) replaced the bill, but retained the substance of the bill. The bill, as amended, changes the Maine sardine inspection and grading programs in 3 basic ways:

1. The authorization for the sardine inspection program is repealed;
2. The Maine Sardine Council is given the authority to operate the sardine grading program and to expand the program's scope to include the grading of kippers and steaks. Grading personnel costs are paid entirely from the council's dedicated revenue excise tax funds; and
3. The sardine excise tax is increased by 5¢ per case to a total of 35¢ per case. A 15¢ per case tax is imposed on the production of canned kippers and herring steaks in this State. These taxes are dedicated to the funding of the Maine Sardine Council.

Senate amendment "A" (S-333) made minor technical corrections to the committee amendment.

**LD 810****An Act Regarding Siting, Monitoring and Husbandry Practices in Aquaculture**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)  
STEVENS P  
HOLT  
MITCHELL J  
MARSH

COMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to require the registration of antibiotics with the Board of Pesticides Control before