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BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
MARINE RESOURCES

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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

AUGUST 1995

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing 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. The publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, the committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number, together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

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LD 495

**An Act to Prohibit Commercial Dragging during the Period
Beginning April 16th and Ending November 14th**

ONTP

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CASSIDY

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have prohibited commercial dragging for scallops or sea urchins from April 16th to November 14th. The Commissioner of Marine Resources would have further restricted the times that drags could be used, but only if the restriction were the same for all coastal waters of the State.

**LD 511 An Act Requiring Training Workshops for Eligibility for All
New Applicants for Commercial Fishing Licenses**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
VOLENIK

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have required new applicants for commercial fishing licenses to attend fishery training workshops on marine ecology, species biology and legal and ethical practices as a condition for receiving a commercial license for that fishery. The Department of Marine Resources would have developed and conducted these workshops in cooperation with representatives of the fisheries.

**LD 570 An Act Concerning Licensed Activities for Marine Worm
Diggers**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
DAVIDSON

COMMITTEE REPORT
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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have prohibited a holder of a marine worm digger's license from fishing for or taking marine worms or possessing, shipping, transporting or selling worms the license holder had taken from intertidal areas closed by a municipality for conservation.

**LD 615 An Act to Expand the Research Budget of the Department of
Marine Resources**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
VOLENIK

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have provided a \$200,000 appropriation in both Fiscal Years 1996 and 1997 for use by the Bureau of Marine Sciences for additional research in areas vital to maintaining viable marine products.