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BILL SUMMARIES
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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

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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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5. It enacts an exception to the sea urchin limited entry provisions that allows the Commissioner of Marine Resources to grant a sea urchin license to a person who was licensed to harvest sea urchins in the year prior to the previous calendar year but did not possess a license in the previous calendar year due to physical injury or any other medically related reason. The person must provide the commissioner with documentation from a physician describing the physical injury or any other medically related reason.
6. It enacts a provision that allows the Commissioner of Marine Resources to transfer the license of a deceased license holder to a member of the deceased license holder's family.
7. It clarifies that a person who holds a sea urchin license may fish only in the zone for which the license is issued.
8. It permits the commissioner to extend closing dates in zones or a portion of zones for the conservation of spawning sea urchins.
9. It requires the Commissioner of Marine Resources to report by February 1, 1996 on the feasibility of administering a roe-yield standard as a means of conserving Maine's sea urchin resource.
10. It requires person who tends scallop divers to take a tender safety training course.
11. It enacts a sea urchin and scallop diver tender license. Current law requires a tender license only for sea urchin tenders.
12. It enacts a license for sea urchin hand-raking and trapping.
13. It adds a fiscal note to the bill and amends the title of the bill.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-582) changes Committee Amendment "A" by eliminating the Sunday and Wednesday closures on sea urchin harvesting from September 1st to October 31st and from March 1st to April 31st.

LD 988

Resolve, to Direct the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Investigate Controlling Marine Predators Inhibiting Shellfish Farming

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
GOLDTHWAIT

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve would have directed the Commissioner of Marine Resources to investigate appropriate measures to reduce the predation of cultured shellfish by starfish and report the findings of the investigation to the Legislature.