

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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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**SPONSOR(S)**  
GOLDTHWAIT**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-140**SUMMARY**

The bill would have repealed the Salmon Aquaculture Monitoring and Research Fund on July 1, 1995 and required the Commissioner of Marine Resources to review the purposes and adequacy of the fund and report the results of that review to the Legislature.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-140) requires the Commissioner of Marine Resources to report by March 15, 1996 on the findings of the aquaculture monitoring program and the status of the Salmon Aquaculture Monitoring and Research Fund. That report must include a statement of need for the monitoring program for the 2 years that run from March 15, 1996 to March 15, 1998.

The amendment also changes the repeal date for the Salmon Aquaculture Monitoring and Research Fund to July 1, 1996. The original bill set a date of July 1, 1995.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note. It also strikes the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the bill.

**LD 993      An Act to Allow Municipalities to Grant Aquaculture Licenses for Sea Vegetables      ONTP****SPONSOR(S)**  
GOLDTHWAIT**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill would have expanded the scope of municipal authority to grant aquaculture licenses to include sea vegetables.

**LD 1017      An Act to Prohibit the Taking of Soft-shell Clams on Sunday and at Night      ONTP****SPONSOR(S)**  
HARTNETT**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill would have prohibited the harvesting of soft-shell clams from 30 minutes before sunset to 30 minutes after sunrise and at all times on Sundays.

**LD 1101      An Act to Impose Appropriate Fees and Restrictions to Prevent the Out-of-State Transport of Sea Cucumbers      ONTP****SPONSOR(S)**  
POVICH**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill would have required a person transporting unprocessed sea cucumbers less than 4 inches in length to obtain a permit. The fee charged for the permit would have been used by the Department of Marine Resources to inspect containers of unprocessed sea cucumbers.