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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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Under current practice, tenders may sell urchins or scallops in their possession. Possession, sale and transport of sea urchins under this license is not provided for under current law. This bill would have provided that holders of this license may also sell, transport, possess and ship sea urchins and scallops.

(The provisions of this bill are included in Committee Amendment "A" to LD 918.)

**LD 1451 An Act to Change the Licensing Year for Certain Marine
Resource Licenses and to Establish an Eel Fishing License**

PUBLIC 492

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLOUTIER	OTP-AM	H-528 H-573 ETNIER

SUMMARY

Under existing law, all harvester and dealer licenses, with the exception of shellfish and worms, are issued for a calendar year beginning in January. This bill provides that licenses that apply to dealers and processors be issued as of March 31st of each year. Based on a survey of the industry, the Process Action Team recommended that the licensing date for dealers and processors be changed to March 31st of each year. The bill implements that recommendation.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-528) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-573) requires a license for the harvesting of eels in Maine's coastal waters. People who currently harvest eels in the coastal waters must possess a commercial fishing license. The fees for individuals under an eel license are the same as under the existing commercial fishing license.

LD 1464 An Act to Preserve Fishing Stocks

PUBLIC 396

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
SAXL M	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-576 ETNIER

SUMMARY

The bill would have required that marine resources laws of the State be applied and enforced in coastal waters to a distance of 12 miles from the coastline of the State for the purpose of regulating the harvesting of living resources of the seas.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-569) replaced the bill. It would have required that marine resources laws of the State be applied and enforced in coastal waters to a distance of 12 miles from the coastline of the State for the purpose of regulating the harvesting of living resources of the seas.

It would have also extended by one year the repeal date of the Groundfish Hatchery Fund - from July 30, 1995 to July 30, 1996.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-576) replaces the bill and Committee Amendment "A". It extends by one year the repeal date of the Groundfish Hatchery Fund - from July 30, 1995 to July 30, 1996.