

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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 &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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**LD 1511**

**An Act to Increase the Maximum Lease Size for Bottom Culture Aquaculture**

PUBLIC 383  
EMERGENCY

**SPONSOR(S)**  
GOLDTHWAIT

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-252

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have increased from 150 to 300 acres the maximum area that a person may lease for so-called "bottom culture," or aquaculture that is not the suspended culture of marine organisms. The bill would have also required the Commissioner of Marine Resources to notify a lessee at least 30 days before the expiration of a lease.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-252) changes the bill by allowing a person to hold an aggregate of 200 acres or less of aquaculture leases when the leases are used exclusively for the aquaculture of marine organisms by methods other than suspension culture. Current law allows an aggregate total of 150 acres or less for all aquaculture leases.

The amendment also strikes from the bill a requirement that the Commissioner of Marine Resources notify a lessee at least 30 days before expiration of a lease.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1537 An Act to Provide Funds for the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences in Boothbay Harbor**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LAWRENCE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP MAJ  
OTP MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have appropriated \$100,000 in fiscal year 1996 and fiscal year 1997 to support the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Studies in Boothbay Harbor.

**LD 1559 An Act to Withdraw the State from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
BAILEY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have removed the State from participation in the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact by requiring the Governor to send to all states that are parties to the compact the required 6 months' notice that Maine intends to withdraw and a separate notice to all states that are parties to the Amendment, Article XIII, which gives the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission regulatory jurisdiction over party states with respect to specific fisheries; this withdrawal would have been in accordance with the requirements of Article XII of the compact.

The bill would have repealed the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapter 419, which contains the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact and implementing legislation, effective 6 months after the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature.

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