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**STATE OF MAINE
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
MARINE RESOURCES**

JUNE 1996

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**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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***Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
June 1996***

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills.

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are 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 finally passed 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>

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 4, 1996.

LD 1717 **An Act Allowing Towns to Form Regional Shellfish Management Committees**

PUBLIC 531
EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s)
PINGREE
SIMONEAU

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-429

LD 1717 proposed to clarify that a shellfish management agreement between 2 or more municipalities may be administered by a regional shellfish conservation committee comprised of residents of the towns in the agreement.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-429) proposed to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1995, chapter 531 clarifies that a shellfish management agreement between 2 or more municipalities may be administered by a regional shellfish conservation committee comprised of residents of the towns in the agreement.

Chapter 531 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 12, 1996.

LD 1727 **An Act Concerning Special Licenses in the Department of Marine Resources**

PUBLIC 567

Sponsor(s)
BUTLAND

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-457

LD 1727 proposed that the Commissioner of Marine Resources be authorized to issue special licenses for research, aquaculture or education without the advice and consent of the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-457) proposed to clarify the activities for special licenses, issued by the Commissioner of Marine Resources, that do not require prior approval by the Marine Resources Advisory Council.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1995, chapter 567 authorizes the Commissioner of Marine Resources to issue special licenses for research, aquaculture or education without the advice and consent of the Marine Resources Advisory Council.