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STATE OF MAINE
118TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
MARINE RESOURCES

JULY 1997

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**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
August 1997**

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. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

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:

- CARRIED OVER*.....*Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*
- CON RES XXX*.....*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*
- CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*.....*Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*
- DIED BETWEEN BODIES*.....*House & Senate disagree; bill died*
- DIED IN CONCURRENCE*.....*One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*
- DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*.....*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*
- EMERGENCY*.....*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
- FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
- FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Bill failed to get majority vote*
- FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*.....*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*
- INDEF PP*.....*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
- ONTP*.....*Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
- OTP ND*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
- OTP ND/NT*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
- P&S XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
- PUBLIC XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
- RESOLVE XXX*.....*Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
- UNSIGNED*.....*Bill held by Governor*
- VETO SUSTAINED*.....*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

LD 52

An Act to Extend the Closed Season on Scallop Harvesting in a Certain Area of this State

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINKHAM W RUHLIN	ONTP	

LD 52 proposed to prohibit the taking of scallops from April 15th to November 30th north of a line from Stanley Point in Steuben to Schoodic Point in Winter Harbor.

LD 93

An Act to Repeal the Requirement That Lobster Traps Have Tags

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINKHAM W	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 93 proposed to repeal the requirement that lobster traps have tags.

LD 199

An Act to Allow Wholesale Seafood License Holders to Process Parts of Lobster Tails

**PUBLIC 84
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BAGLEY CASSIDY	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-84

LD 199 proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Marine Resources, with the advice and consent of the Marine Resources Advisory Council, to issue a special license that exempts a person who wants to develop and test market a processed seafood product from one or more marine resources' laws as to the time, place, length, condition, amount and manner of taking or possessing a marine organism and laws that prohibit the possession of parts of a marine organism.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-84) proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to allow a wholesale seafood license holder to process portions of lobster tails.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 84 allows a wholesale seafood license holder to process portions of lobster tails. The law is effective on April 11, 1997.