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STATE OF MAINE
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BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
MARINE RESOURCES

JULY 1997

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**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS**

**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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LD 942

An Act to Repeal the Scallop Season

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOLDTHWAIT ETNIER	ONTP	

LD 942 proposed to repeal the law that establishes the scallop season.

LD 951

An Act to Maximize the State's Processing of Aquaculture Fish and to Extend the Salmon Aquaculture Monitoring, Research and Development Fund

**PUBLIC 189
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODWIN	OTP-AM	H-251

LD 951 proposed to require that marine organisms raised under an aquaculture lease issued by the Commissioner of Marine Resources be processed in the United States.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-251) proposed to change the repeal of the Salmon Aquaculture Monitoring, Research and Development Fund and the Maine Salmon Aquaculture Advisory Council from July 1, 1997 to July 1, 1999. It also proposed to require the Commissioner of Marine Resources to report by February 1, 1998 on strategies to maximize in-state processing of fish raised in Maine aquaculture facilities and strategies for growth of the State's aquaculture industry in a manner compatible with traditional fisheries.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 189 changes the repeal of the Salmon Aquaculture Monitoring, Research and Development Fund and the Maine Salmon Aquaculture Advisory Council from July 1, 1997 to July 1, 1999. It also requires the Commissioner of Marine Resources to report by February 1, 1998 on strategies to maximize in-state processing of fish raised in Maine aquaculture facilities and strategies for growth of the State's aquaculture industry in a manner compatible with traditional fisheries. The law is effective on May 15, 1997.

LD 992

An Act to Amend the Sea Urchin Management Plan

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CIANCHETTE	ONTP	

LD 992 proposed to eliminate the 150-day limit for taking sea urchins in Zone 1 and the 170-day limit for taking sea urchins in Zone 2.