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ON
MARINE RESOURCES**

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999

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

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized 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*
ENACTMENT FAILED..... *Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage*
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... *Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died*
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 September 18, 1999.

LD 1399**An Act to Simplify the Licensing of Seafood Dealers in the State****ONTP**

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

LD 1399 proposed to consolidate into one license all wholesale and retail seafood activities. It proposed to repeal the requirement that separate permits be obtained for processing lobster meat, lobster tails and lobster tail parts. It proposed to retain the current limitations on how lobster meat, lobster tails and lobster tail parts may be processed, but to consolidate those provisions from three sections of law into one section.

LD 1417**An Act to Create a Senior Lobster and Crab Fishing License****DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

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

LD 1417 proposed to establish a senior lobster and crab fishing license for persons 65 years of age or older who have been residents of this State for five years prior to applying for the license. A person issued a senior license would not be authorized to use more than 150 lobster traps. The license fee would be \$118.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-128), the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources, proposed to specify that a person issued a senior lobster and crab fishing license may fish for, take, possess, ship, transport and sell lobsters and crabs only while assisting that person's child or grandchild who is the holder of a student license. A senior lobster and crab fishing license would not authorize the holder to tend traps other than those submerged by the holder of a student license. The amendment also proposed to specify that only the holder of a Class I, Class II, Class III or senior lobster and crab fishing license may assist a student license holder. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1485**An Act Regarding Aquaculture Leases in Salt Pond in Hancock County****ONTP**

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

LD 1485 proposed to establish aquaculture lease standards for Salt Pond in Hancock County. The bill proposed to limit aquaculture leases to not more than 8% of the surface area of Salt Pond, to require a performance bond of \$20,000 and an annual lease fee of \$2000 for each aquaculture lease in Salt Pond and to prohibit leases for new or foreign species of fish unless those fish are quarantined for one year prior to introduction and the commissioner certifies that the fish meet all applicable state fish health rules.