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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
MARINE RESOURCES**

**JULY 1999**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

***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](http://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
ONT P.....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OT P ND.....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OT P 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.



proposed to require the task force to convene its first meeting by June 1, 1999 and to report its findings and conclusions to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources by November 15, 1999.

The amendment proposed to specify that members of the task force serve without compensation and to authorize the Commissioner of Marine Resources to accept and administer any outside funds contributed to support the work of the task force. The amendment proposed to appropriate \$3,000 to the department to fund the costs associated with staffing the task force.

*Enacted law summary*

Resolve 1999, chapter 69 establishes the Task Force to Study Limited Entry in the Shrimp Fishery for the purpose of studying whether access to the Gulf of Maine shrimp fishery should be limited for the purpose of conserving the shrimp resource. The task force, consisting of 7 members of the shrimp industry and one employee of the Department of Marine Resources, is required to submit its findings and conclusions by November 15, 1999. The law appropriates \$3,000 to the Department of Marine Resources to fund the costs associated with staffing the task force.

Chapter 69 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 11, 1999.

**LD 1581**

**An Act to Revise the Laws Regarding Shellfish**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> COWGER KILKELLY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1581 proposed to prohibit municipal shellfish ordinances from establishing shellfish licenses based on residency.

**LD 1624**

**An Act to Amend the Lobster Trap Escape Vent Laws**

**PUBLIC 142  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ETNIER	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-247
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LD 1624 proposed to amend the location of the escape vent on lobster traps to allow the rectangular vent to be placed on the top of the trap over the head of the parlor section.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-247)** proposed to clarify that the rectangular escape vent on a lobster trap may be placed on the top of the trap if it is placed over the head of an end parlor section.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 1999, chapter 142 clarifies that the rectangular escape vent on a lobster trap may be placed on the top of the trap if it is placed over the head of an end parlor section.

Chapter 142 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 7, 1999.