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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

First Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Marine Resources*

August 2001

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
August 2001**

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 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*
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*
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 21, 2001**.

David E. Boulter, Director
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Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

LD 1110

An Act to Amend the Tax on Mahogany Quahogs

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> VOLENIK		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-463
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LD 1110 proposed to repeal the mahogany quahog tax.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-463) proposed to direct the Commissioner of Marine Resources to use funds in the Toxin Monitoring Fund to conduct a stock assessment to determine the status of mahogany quahog stocks in federal waters off the coast of Maine. The amendment would also have incrementally reduced the mahogany quahog tax. It also proposed to change the limit that could be credited from the tax to the Toxin Monitoring Fund from \$16,000 to \$27,750, effective July 1, 2002.

LD 1140

Resolve, to Clarify the 3-mile Fishing Waters in Saco Bay

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LEMONT		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1140 proposed to require the Department of Marine Resources to adopt a rule that established the boundary beyond which a person could fish using a trawl that had more than 3 lobster traps as 3 nautical miles from land as measured by radar.

The provisions of this bill were subsequently amended and incorporated into the committee amendment to LD 1653, Public Law 2001, chapter 272.

LD 1158

An Act Relating to Daily Catch Limits for Scallops

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SHOREY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1158 proposed to place a limitation on the daily catch of scallops in Cobscook Bay for any person who held a scallop boat license.