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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Marine Resources*

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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**.

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Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

resolve; however, new leases could not be issued on those applications. The amendment also added an emergency preamble to the resolve and removed the requirement for the Department of Marine Resources to undertake a study of the effects of aquaculture on the ecosystem of the bay. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1280 **An Act Concerning the Enforcement of Laws Relating to Scallop
in Cobscook Bay** **PUBLIC 192**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHOREY GOODWIN	OTP-AM	S-126

LD 1280 proposed to require that all sorting of scallops take place on a vessel that possesses a scallop boat license and not on a shucking or sorting table. It also proposed that a vessel could not possess more than one day's scallop limit unless that vessel had received a waiver from this limitation issued by a marine patrol officer.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-126) replaced the bill. It proposed to set a daily limit and culling requirement for scallops in Cobscook Bay. It set a penalty for violation. It also added a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 192 sets a daily limit and culling requirements for scallops in Cobscook Bay and sets a penalty for violation.

LD 1309 **An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Harvest of Adult Eels** **PUBLIC 187**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LEMONT LEMOINE	OTP-AM	S-127

LD 1309 proposed to remove the limitation on the number of eels an individual may take for personal use.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-127) proposed to direct the Department of Marine Resources to adopt rules establishing a limit on the number of eels that a person may fish for, take, possess or transport. It also added a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 187 removes the limitation on the number of eels an individual may take for personal use. Chapter 187 also directs the Department of Marine Resources to adopt rules establishing a limit on the number of eels that a person may take.