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*State Of Maine
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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**.

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Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

LD 1374 **An Act to Create the Maine Soft-shell Clam Advisory Council** **ONTP**

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

LD 1374 proposed to create the Maine Soft-shell Clam Advisory Council and to establish the Soft-shell Clam Management Fund.

LD 1392 **An Act to Set the Mussel Size Limit** **ONTP**

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

LD 1392 proposed to set the size limit of a mussel at 2 inches.

LD 1428 **An Act to Amend the Aquaculture Leasing Law** **CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 1428 proposes to provide citizens and other interested parties 10 days following the completion of the aquaculture lease hearing to submit further evidence and testimony. It also proposes to provide that this period may be extended for a period beyond 10 days if agreed to by the parties. The bill also proposes to change the Department of Marine Resources' site review period from the period from April 1st to November 15th to the period from June 15th to September 15th.

LD 1428 has been carried over to the Second Regular Session.

LD 1483 **An Act to Expand the Options for a Lobster Management Zone** **PUBLIC 282**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VOLENIK GOLDTHWAIT	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-391

LD 1483 proposed to allow a lobster management policy council to propose to the Commissioner of Marine Resources rules for a zone that increase the minimum length of time an apprentice must be enrolled in the lobster apprentice program; require a sponsor of an apprentice to have held a lobster and crab fishing license for at least 5 years; add a course work requirement to the apprentice program; allow apprentices to only enter the zone if they apprenticed in that zone; and require a one-year, 2-year or 3-year delay in transfers into the zone from other zones.