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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 1769

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 55.58: Penobscot River Fishing Closure, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Marine Resources

**RESOLVE 36
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1769 proposed to provide for legislative review of Chapter 55.58: Penobscot River Fishing Closure, a major substantive rule of the Department of Marine Resources.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 36 authorizes the final adoption of Chapter 55.58: Penobscot River Fishing Closure, a major substantive rule of the Department of Marine Resources.

Chapter 36 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 22, 2001.

LD 1786

An Act to Amend the Review Criteria for Submerged Leases of Coastal Waters

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
ABROMSON
DAVIS G

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1786 proposed to add, as part of the criteria that must be met in granting an aquaculture lease, that the proposed project would not adversely affect the overall economic interests of riparian owners. The bill proposed to define "riparian owner" to mean a shorefront owner whose property boundaries were within 3,000 feet of the proposed lease boundaries. The bill also proposed to increase the protected area from 1,000 feet to 3,000 feet around beaches, parks and docking facilities.

LD 1788

An Act to Allow Marine Patrol Officers to Hold Elected Positions

**PUBLIC 340
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-534

LD 1788 proposed to allow marine patrol officers to hold elected positions in municipal or county government.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-534) added an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill.