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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Marine Resources*

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
May 2002

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 organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name and within committees by bill (LD) number.

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:

- 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
PASSED..... Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 25, 2002.

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Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

Committee Amendment "A" (H-934) proposed to clarify that the working group of agencies that is established in the bill is charged with tracking coastal water access, rather than water access statewide. It clarified the activities of the working group and changed the annual reporting requirement to biennial reporting. The amendment also proposed to direct the Land and Water Resources Council, instead of the State Planning Office, to conduct a review of coastal management in the State. It also directed the Land and Water Resources Council to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters.

The amendment also added a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 595 implements some of the recommendations of the Committee to Study the Loss of Commercial Fishing Waterfront Access and Other Economic Development Issues Affecting Commercial Fishing. It directs the Land and Water Resources Council to review the structure and effectiveness of coastal management in Maine; it creates a working group of state agencies that deal with coastal water-access issues; and it directs the Department of Marine Resources to study the value of creating a seafood innovation, marketing and research fund.

LD 2152

An Act to Allow Qualified Shellfish Harvesters to Continue to Sample Water Quality

**PUBLIC 587
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 2152 proposed to provide that a commercial shellfish license holder who complies with the shellfish sanitation program's quality assurance and quality control training and certification requirements as administered by the Department of Marine Resources may serve as a volunteer water quality sampler for the department.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-933) proposed to add an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 587 provides that a commercial shellfish license holder who complies with the shellfish sanitation program's quality assurance and quality control training and certification requirements as administered by the Department of Marine Resources may serve as a volunteer water quality sampler for the department.

Chapter 587 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 1, 2002.