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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

LD 2172

An Act to Designate the Great Salt Bay Marine Shellfish Preserve

PUBLIC 558

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 2172 proposed to designate the Great Salt Bay in Lincoln County as a marine shellfish preserve to gain a better understanding of the structure, function and integrity of marine shellfish ecosystems and to improve educational and study opportunities provided by marine ecosystems that are subject to minimal human disturbance. The bill also proposed to prohibit the harvesting of shellfish and other harvesting activities that involve bottom disturbance. Research activities would have been excluded from the prohibition. The bill also proposed to direct the Department of Marine Resources to participate in a privately funded study of the bay.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 558 designates the Great Salt Bay in Lincoln County as a marine shellfish preserve. The purpose of the designation is to gain a better understanding of the structure, function and integrity of marine shellfish ecosystems and to improve educational and study opportunities provided by marine ecosystems that are subject to minimal human disturbance. Chapter 558 prohibits the harvesting of shellfish and other harvesting activities that involve bottom disturbance. Research activities are excluded from the prohibition. Chapter 558 also directs the Department of Marine Resources to participate in a privately funded study of the bay.

LD 2213

Resolve, Dealing With One-time License Transfers of Sea Urchin Dragging Licenses

**RESOLVE 112
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 2213 proposed to allow new sea urchin dragging licenses to be issued to certain persons who fish for sea urchins who were not able to qualify for license transfers under the one-time license transfer program. The resolve also proposed to set deadlines within which an affected person who fishes must provide documentation to the Commissioner of Marine Resources that the person who fishes meets the requirements.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 112 allows new sea urchin dragging licenses to be issued to certain persons who fish for sea urchins who were not able to qualify for license transfers under the one-time license transfer program. The resolve sets deadlines within which an affected person who fishes must provide documentation to the Commissioner of Marine Resources that the person who fishes meets the requirements. See Public Law 2001, chapter 710, sections 22 and 23. Chapter 710 is summarized in the Judiciary Committee section.

Resolve 2001, chapter 112 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 9, 2002.