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STATE OF MAINE  
123<sup>RD</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills and adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Maine Legislature coming from the

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## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS



This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Maine Legislature, which was in session from December 6, 2006 to June 21, 2007.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee, and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter 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 (or Accepted ONTP report).....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP-ND.....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
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 that the effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session is **September 20, 2007**. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

## *Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources*

**LD 798**

**An Act To Standardize Inshore Dragging Seasons for Scallops and Sea Cucumbers**

**CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 798 changes the sea cucumber dragging season from July 1st to September 30th to April 16th to November 30th to align with the scallop season.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 123rd Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1369.

**LD 847**

**An Act To Support the Commercial Groundfish Industry**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RECTOR DAMON	OTP-AM	H-278

LD 847 is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

LD 847 proposes to allow Maine commercial fishermen who are dragging for shrimp to be able to land and sell herring as a bycatch up to a specified limitation. This concept is an emergency.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-278)**

This committee amendment establishes a groundfish industry incentive program within the Department of Marine Resources. The program provides groundfish vessels that land and sell at least 90% of their catch in the State with rebates on ice purchased in this State and handling and transportation costs for groundfish landed in this State and exempts these groundfish vessels from the fuel sales tax. This committee amendment also provides an appropriations and allocations section. It also provides that the groundfish industry incentive program and the fuel tax exemption are repealed June 1, 2010.

**LD 1036**

**An Act To Appropriate Funds To Restore Clam Flats in Stockton Harbor BY REQUEST**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WEDDELL	OTP-AM	H-88

LD 1036 provides funds to restore the clam flats in Stockton Harbor.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-88)**

This committee amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.