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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 125th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD 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 LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature is September 28, 2011. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

accurately represents the geographic distribution and relative numbers of each type of license holder, and to report the findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources by December 7, 2011 and recommend any changes necessary to ensure appropriate representation; and

3. Authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources to report out a bill on the subject of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

This amendment incorporates language from LD 997 regarding a review of the Scallop Advisory Council.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 237 does the following.

1. Changes rules from routine technical to major substantive for the scallop license limited entry system;
2. Removes the provision of law that repeals the laws providing for limited entry into the scallop fishery;
3. Clarifies that a person who is eligible to obtain a license through the limited entry system may be issued a license by the Commissioner of Marine Resources;
4. Directs the Commissioner of Marine Resources to review the composition of the Scallop Advisory Council to determine whether the number of members on the Scallop Advisory Council representing each type of license holder accurately represents the geographic distribution and relative numbers of each type of license holder, and to report the findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources by December 7, 2011 and recommend any changes necessary to ensure appropriate representation; and
5. Authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources to report out a bill on the subject of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

Public Law 2011, chapter 237 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 7, 2011.

LD 371

An Act To Control Costs to the Lobster Industry

**LEAVE TO
WITHDRAW**

Sponsor(s)

TILTON
SULLIVAN

Committee Report

LV/WD

Amendments Adopted

LD 371 limits how the Commissioner of Marine Resources may spend trap tag fees. The bill requires the commissioner to provide a separate accounting of trap tag fees to the Lobster Advisory Council.

LD 418

**An Act To Create a Saltwater Fishing License for Owners of Docks,
Piers and Wharves**

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

TRAHAN

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted