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SECOND REGULAR SESSION



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

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS

The *Digest* is arranged 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.

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 HOUSESHouse & 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
EMERGENCYenacted 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 Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature is August 1, 2014. 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

placed in the intertidal zone as part of a municipal shellfish conservation program. This law also establishes a municipal predator control pilot project within the Department of Marine Resources to evaluate the effectiveness of predator control strategies in increasing the survival rate of soft shell clams and marine worms. The law prohibits and makes the harvesting of marine organisms from within pilot project predator control areas, except for municipal removal of green crabs, a civil violation. Finally, the law directs the Commissioner of the Department of Marine Resources to develop predator control strategies, which identify the needs of both the soft shell clam and marine worm industries and recognize that both industries have an economic interest in intertidal zone management to mitigate the effects of green crabs. The commissioner is required to report back to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over marine resources matters no later than January 31, 2015. The committee is authorized to report out a bill related to the subject matter of the report to the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

Public Law 2013, chapter 517 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 5, 2014.

LD 1602

Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Effects of Coastal and Ocean Acidification and Its Existing and Potential Effects on Species That Are Commercially Harvested and Grown along the Maine Coast

**RESOLVE 110
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DEVIN SAVIELLO	OTP-AM	H-725 S-529 HASKELL

This resolve establishes the Commission to Study the Effects of Ocean Acidification and Its Potential Effects on Commercial Shellfish Harvested and Grown along the Maine Coast.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-725)

This amendment replaces the resolve. Like the resolve, it establishes a commission to study ocean acidification, but changes the scope of the study to include the effects of coastal acidification. The amendment also changes the membership of the commission and its duties and reporting date.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-529)

This amendment requires the Commission to Study the Effects of Coastal and Ocean Acidification and Its Existing and Potential Effects on Species That Are Commercially Harvested and Grown along the Maine Coast to seek the amount of \$1,500 from outside sources for the costs of the study in this resolve. That amount must be raised by July 1, 2014 in order for the study to continue and the commission to hold meetings or to incur expenses in fiscal year 2014-15.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2013, chapter 110 establishes the Commission to Study the Effects of Coastal and Ocean Acidification and Its Existing and Potential Effects on Species That Are Commercially Harvested and Grown along the Maine Coast. It requires the Commission to seek the amount of \$1,500 from outside sources for the costs of the study in this resolve. That amount must be raised by July 1, 2014 in order for the study to continue and the commission to hold meetings or to incur expenses in fiscal year 2014-15.

Resolve 2013, chapter 110 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 30, 2014.