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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 128th 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. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

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 128th Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. 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

LD 149

An Act To Provide Additional Management for Limited-entry Lobster Zones

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HUBBELL B	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to consider amending the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6448 to include additional management policies to properly manage fishing effort and equity of access in limited-entry lobster management zones, including:

1. Prohibiting a person holding a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license who was not holding a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license before the bill's effective date from fishing lobster traps in a limited-entry zone that is not the license holder's declared lobster zone;
2. Prohibiting a person holding a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license from fishing more than 25% of the license holder's lobster traps in a limited-entry zone that is not the license holder's declared lobster zone;
3. Prohibiting a person holding a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license from fishing more than 25% of the license holder's lobster traps in a limited-entry zone that is not the license holder's declared zone and that does not have trap limits and exit ratios consistent with the license holder's declared zone;
4. If a person holding a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license fishes lobster traps in a limited-entry zone other than the license holder's declared zone, subjecting the license holder to the most restrictive management measures of both zones; and
5. Requiring the Commissioner of Marine Resources to review annually rules regarding the relative number of second-zone tags that have been fished in each limited-entry zone and allowing the commissioner to propose rule changes to the Department of Marine Resources lobster trap tag system rules to ensure parity of zone access and stability of zone effort related to double tagging.

LD 199

An Act To Implement Decibel Limits for Mechanical Rockweed Harvesters

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCREIGHT J VITELLI E	ONTP	

This bill prohibits harvesting rockweed with a mechanical rockweed harvester that emits sound louder than the decibel limits established by rules adopted by the Commissioner of Marine Resources. The rules may establish different decibel limits depending upon the distance from shore and the time of day the harvester is being used. The bill defines "rockweed" as the species of seaweed *Ascophyllum nodosum*.