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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL, SECOND REGULAR AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS



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* contain summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Special, Second Regular and Second Special Sessions of the 128<sup>th</sup> 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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature are: Monday, February 5, 2018; Wednesday, August 1, 2018; and Thursday, December 13, 2018, respectively. 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 703**

**An Act To Address Marine Debris Resulting from Commercial Activities**

**Accepted Majority  
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DEVIN M VITELLI E	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

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

This bill proposes to address the problem of marine debris resulting from commercial activities such as commercial fishing and aquaculture.

The bill uses current knowledge, information and data generated by previous meetings and conferences and scientific publications along with accepted fishing and aquaculture practices to advance an approach to address marine debris while recognizing that healthy commercial fishing and aquaculture industries are paramount for the economic health of this State.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-617)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, with a resolve that establishes the Commission To Study the Effects of Marine Debris, which is a 13-member commission tasked with studying marine debris and how it has affected or potentially will affect Maine's ocean and coastal ecosystem, habitats and species. The commission is required to meet at least four times and must submit a report, including suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters no later than November 7, 2018.

**LD 922**

**An Act Directing the Commissioner of Marine Resources To Investigate the Conditions of Sheepscot Pond Related to a Management Plan for Anadromous Fish Species**

**INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIERCE J VITELLI E	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

This bill directs the Commissioner of Marine Resources to open and keep operational from April 15th to June 30th annually the fishway on the Sheepscot River located at the outlet of Sheepscot Pond in the Town of Palermo and to investigate the conditions of the pond for the purpose of developing a management plan for anadromous fish species.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-631)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, removes the provisions of the bill that direct the Commissioner of Marine Resources to develop a management plan for anadromous fish in Sheepscot Pond and that direct the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to cooperate in that effort. The amendment delays until 2020 the requirement in the bill that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife open and keep operational