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## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

### **LD 77**

#### **An Act To Authorize the Department of Marine Resources To Charge an Application Fee for Entering a Lottery for a Scallop License**

##### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 27 authorizes the Commissioner of Marine Resources to charge an application fee of up to \$50 to enter a lottery for a scallop license. All application fees collected must be deposited in the Scallop Research Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6729-A.

### **LD 106 An Act To Amend Maine's Aquaculture Leasing and Licensing Statutes**

##### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 52 amends the aquaculture leasing and licensing statutes to:

1. Authorize the Commissioner of Marine Resources to require an applicant for a lease issued under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6072 or 6072-A to reimburse the Department of Marine Resources for costs incurred in providing general notice of and public hearing on the lease application;
2. Provide that the Department of Environmental Protection only receives notices of an aquaculture lease application that involves a discharge into the waters of the State;
3. Move the responsibility for notifying riparian landowners of an application for a lease expansion from the applicant to the Department of Marine Resources;
4. Move the responsibility for providing public notice of an application for a lease expansion from the department to the applicant;
5. Clarify notice requirements when a standard lease is proposed for renewal;
6. Expand the reasons under which the Commissioner of Marine Resources may initiate lease revocation proceedings to include operating in a manner substantially injurious to public health or violating minimum lease maintenance standards that have been adopted by rule pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6072, subsection 13, paragraph A;
7. Reduce the number of days in advance of which an individual must apply for the renewal of a lease from 90 days prior to the expiration to 30 days prior to the expiration;
8. Require the fee for a lease transfer be paid upon application for the transfer instead of at the execution of the lease transfer;
9. Require the commissioner to establish a fee for making changes to a lease;

ENACTED LAW SUMMARIES

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