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municipalities to pay for required training. It requires a statewide harbor masters association to offer both in-person and remote training options.

### **LD 263 An Act To Make Technical Changes to Maine's Marine Resources Laws**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 168:

1. Changes the expiration date of shellfish sanitation certificates from May 31st to March 31st;
2. Clarifies that an aquaculture license is not needed for holders of aquaculture leases or limited-purpose aquaculture licenses who are using the lease or license only for personal use or for research purposes;
3. Clarifies that a lobster trap tag issued by the Department of Marine Resources must be securely attached to the frame of the trap and provides that the specific penalty for violation of a rule adopted by the department may be specified in that rule;
4. Adds into statute a penalty for lobster traps not tagged in accordance with rules adopted by the Department of Marine Resources;
5. Permits the Commissioner of Marine Resources to adopt rules to add or delete authorization for the holder of an aquaculture lease held only for scientific research purposes; and
6. Expands the exemption from requirements to hold a separate license to remove, possess or transport scallops to all scallops and not just when the final product form is the adductor muscle only.

### **LD 332 An Act To Reevaluate the Frenchboro Area Dragging Exclusion Zone**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 249 directs the Commissioner of Marine Resources to evaluate the size and boundaries of the Frenchboro area dragging exclusion zone established in Title 12, Maine Revised Statutes, section 6954-A, to determine whether the area boundaries should be modified. If the commissioner determines that modification is required to better achieve the purposes of the zone, the commission may modify the boundaries through rulemaking. The Commissioner is required to report the findings of the evaluation of the Frenchboro area dragging exclusion zone to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources by February 1, 2022.