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Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILLS AND SUMMARIES OF ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* provides the disposition of all LDs and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed during the Second Regular Session of the 131st Maine Legislature. Please note that all LDs and proposed amendments may be found through the Legislature's webpage, and each includes a summary of what the bill or amendment proposed.

The *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* is arranged alphabetically by committee. Within each committee section is a subject index of all LDs considered by that committee as well as a digest of the LDs, arranged by LD number. Also included are enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed. Brief analyst notes on certain LDs are also included: a committee digest will indicate if additional notes are provided for an LD. These notes add information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this *Digest*; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance. A separate section of the *Digest* provides a digest of the relatively few LDs that were not referred to a committee or reported from a committee as a committee bill; enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed are provided. Finally, an appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

The final disposition of each LD is noted in the relevant summary digest and index. 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 Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature is Friday, August 9, 2024. 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 2025 An Act to Provide for Medical and Vessel Breakdown License Exceptions for Commercial Menhaden License Holders

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 562 provides that the holder of a commercial menhaden fishing license may fish for, take, possess, ship, transport or sell menhaden that the holder has taken using only the vessel named on the license, with the following exceptions.

1. It allows a commercial menhaden license holder who is unable to fish for or take menhaden due to an illness or disability to request authorization from the Commissioner of Marine Resources and for the commissioner to grant the authorization for another commercial menhaden license holder to fish for or take menhaden on the ill or disabled license holder's behalf.
2. It allows a commercial menhaden license holder to request authorization to use a vessel other than the vessel identified on that license holder's license when that license holder's vessel is temporarily inoperable.

Public Law 2023, chapter 562 also provides that the holder of a noncommercial menhaden fishing license may fish for, take or possess menhaden that the holder has taken using only the vessel named on the license.

LD 2026 An Act to Authorize Medical Waivers for Menhaden Fishing Licenses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 540 allows a holder of a resident commercial menhaden fishing license or a nonresident commercial menhaden fishing license to appeal a license denial if a substantial illness or medical condition on the part of the person or a family member prevented that person from meeting the eligibility requirements for that license.

LD 2031 An Act to Make Changes to the State's Marine Resources Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 563 makes the following changes to the State's marine resources laws.

1. It eliminates the Aquaculture Monitoring, Research and Development Fund, which is no longer capitalized.
2. It clarifies language regarding the requirement for a license holder to have the license holder's license, elver transaction card and photo identification in the license holder's possession when engaging in licensed activities.