

## **Marine Resource Committee plans work sessions, hearing**

AUGUSTA — The Marine Resource Committee has planned work sessions and a public hearing during January to review the Working Waterfront Access Pilot Program and hear a report from the Bureau of Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat. There will also be a report on two bills under legislative consideration. The committee will meet on Jan. 11, Jan. 13 and Jan. 20.

The following bills are set for discussion by the Marine Resource Committee beginning at noon on Jan. 11.

LD 345 An Act To Regulate the Rockweed Harvest in Cobscook Bay directs the commissioner of marine resources to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources by Jan. 15 with recommendations for a seaweed research plan for Cobscook Bay and on the 2009 seaweed harvest in Cobscook Bay.

LD 378 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Marine Resources To Study the Issues Surrounding the Harvest of Bait Fish within Territorial Waters - Resolve 2009, chapter 23 directs the commissioner of marine resources to study the issues surrounding the harvest of bait fish within the territorial waters of the state and to report the commissioner's findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources by Jan. 4. It also authorizes that committee to submit legislation related to the study to the second regular session of the 124th Legislature.

On Jan. 13 beginning at noon the committee will hold a public hearing on carryover LD 932 — An Act to Establish Area Management of Maine's Scallop Fishery.

A work session will be held Jan. 20 on LD 932, LD 11 — An Act Regarding Saltwater Recreational Fishing and LD 1432 — An Act to Create a Saltwater Recreational Fishing Registry.

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