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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6194** is enacted to read:

§ 6194. Shellfish area closure status notification

Notwithstanding Title 5, section 8053, the notification of rulemaking relating to the status of a shellfish area is not required to be published in a newspaper. The department shall place any information concerning the opening or closing of a shellfish area on the department's shellfish sanitation hotline and on the department's publicly accessible website.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6191, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2003, c. 248, §4, is further amended to read:

1. Procedures. In adopting or amending any rule, except as provided in section 6194, the commissioner shall use the procedures required for rulemaking under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, and the additional requirements of this subchapter.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Resource Management 0027

Initiative: Recognition of cost savings due to the department's no longer having to publish the status of shellfish areas in a newspaper.

GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	\$0	(\$20,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$20,000)

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report and replaces the bill. It removes the requirement that notification of rulemaking relating to the status of a shellfish area adopted by the Department of Marine Resources be published in a newspaper. Instead, the amendment requires the Department of Marine Resources to place any information concerning the opening or closing of a shellfish area on the department’s shellfish sanitation hotline and on the department’s publicly accessible website.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)