



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2098

LR 3204(01)

An Act To Remove Nighttime Restrictions on Lobster Fishing in a Certain Area in the Bay of Fundy

**Fiscal Note for Original Bill
Committee: Marine Resources
Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill allows lobster and crab fishing licensees who are authorized to fish in a specific area of the Bay of Fundy that is subject to overlapping claims of sovereignty between the United States and Canada to commercially fish at any time of day between September 1st to October 31st. The bill also requires the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) to conduct rulemaking to define the boundaries of the specific area subject to overlapping sovereignty. Any additional costs to the DMR as a result of this bill are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.