

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

S.P. 556 - L.D. 1341

Resolve, Directing the Department of Marine Resources to Evaluate How to Effectively Allow 2 Licensed Individuals to Fish for Lobsters or Scallops from a Single Vessel

Sec. 1. Operation from single vessel review; lobster fishery. Resolved: That the Department of Marine Resources shall evaluate how 2 individuals who each hold a valid Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license and who are fishing concurrently from the same vessel may fish for or take lobsters from a single vessel without this resulting in increased harvest. In completing its review, the department may consult with and seek input from the Lobster Advisory Council under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6462-A and lobster management policy councils established pursuant to Title 12, section 6447.

Sec. 2. Operation from single vessel review; scallop fishery. Resolved: That the Department of Marine Resources shall evaluate how 2 individuals who each hold a scallop dragging license and who are fishing concurrently from the same vessel may fish for or take scallops from a single vessel without this resulting in increased harvest. In completing its review, the department may consult with and seek input from the Scallop Advisory Council under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6729-B.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Marine Resources shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources by March 1, 2026 describing the review process in sections 1 and 2.