



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 747(02)

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

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill would allow 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 1, 2019, and October 31, 2019. The bill also requires the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) to define the boundaries of the specific area subject to overlapping sovereignty and to report back on the outcome of the temporary commercial fishing allowance. Any additional costs to the DMR as a result of this legislation are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.