



# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Limit Eligibility for Commercial Menhaden Fishing Licenses

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Marine Resources**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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### Fiscal Note

Minor revenue impact - Other Special Revenue Funds

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill changes the commercial menhaden fishing license requirements beginning in 2023. Under the current criteria, there are no pre-qualifications to obtain a commercial menhaden license. The new criteria will limit who may obtain a license to those who possessed a commercial menhaden license in either 2020 or 2021 and reported legal landings by January 1, 2023 of 6,000 pounds or more in either 2020 or 2021. The Department of Marine Resources does not anticipate a significant change in license revenue from imposing new license qualifications because even though fewer will be eligible, a higher percentage of those individuals will be motivated to maintain their eligibility in the future.