



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Limit Eligibility for Commercial Menhaden Fishing Licenses

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-990)

Committee: Marine Resources

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 2 of the following 3 years: 2019, 2020 or 2021 and reported legal landings of menhaden of 25,000 pounds or more in at least 1 of the following years: 2019, 2020, 2021 or 2022. 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.