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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 782, L.D. 1059, Bill, “An Act To Authorize the Establishment of an Apprentice License for the Maine Scallop Fishery”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6702, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. **Apprentice license.** The department may adopt rules to establish an apprentice program for entry into the scallop fishery that includes an apprentice license for a resident who is 18 years of age or older to engage in dragging for scallops under the supervision of a person licensed under this section. The fee for an apprentice scallop dragging license is \$250. The commissioner shall deposit license fees collected in this subsection into the Scallop Research Fund under section 6729-A. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6729-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 607, Pt. A, §13, is further amended to read:

1. Uses of fund. The commissioner shall use the fund for research directly related to scallop fishery management information needs, for implementation of scallop management measures ~~and~~, for reporting to licensed scallop harvesters on the results of research and the use of fund revenues and for the administration of an apprentice program established pursuant to section 6702, subsection 7. The commissioner may authorize the expenditure of money in the fund for research and development programs that address the restoration, development or conservation of scallop resources. The commissioner shall consult with the Scallop Advisory Council under section 6729-B before deciding upon research projects and awarding grants from the fund. The fund may also be used for support of the Scallop Advisory Council, including reimbursement for travel expenses.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §6729-A, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 319, §2, is amended to read:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

