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Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Marine Resources To Contract for an Independent Analysis of the Limited Entry Lobster License System

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

Heath & Print

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

Presented by Representative TILTON of Harrington. Cosponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York and Representatives: DOW of Waldoboro, McKANE of Newcastle, PARKER of Veazie, VALENTINO of Saco.

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1 Sec. 1. Independent analysis. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Marine 2 Resources shall contract for an independent analysis of the limited entry lobster license system under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6421. The analysis must 3 4 include an evaluation of the costs and benefits of the limited entry system and determine 5 whether the benefits, including the benefits of conservation, outweigh the costs, including the impact of restrictions on entry to the lobster fishing industry. The contract must be 6 7 funded using existing resources of the Department of Marine Resources. The 8 commissioner shall provide the analysis to the joint standing committee of the Legislature 9 having jurisdiction over marine resources matters by January 15, 2013.

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SUMMARY

11 This resolve directs the Commissioner of Marine Resources to contract for an 12 independent analysis of the costs and benefits of the limited entry lobster license system 13 and provide that analysis to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having 14 jurisdiction over marine resources matters by January 15, 2013.