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Resolve, to Study Stakeholder Input Involving the Appointment of the Commissioner of Marine Resources

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GOLEK of Harpswell. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Representatives: EATON of Deer Isle, SIMMONS of Waldoboro, STROUT of Harrington, THORNE of Carmel.

Sec. 1. Department of Marine Resources to study appointment of commissioner. Resolved: That the Department of Marine Resources shall conduct a study to determine the level of stakeholder input involved in the appointment of the Commissioner of Marine Resources and how that input may be expanded. In conducting the study, the department shall solicit the participation of individuals with backgrounds in the following fisheries:

1. Inshore and offshore lobsters;
2. Clams, including quahogs;
3. Elvers;
4. Menhaden;
5. Sea urchins;
6. Scallops and oysters;
7. Shrimp; and
8. Halibut.

The department shall also solicit the participation of individuals with backgrounds in gill net fishing, dragging and aquaculture and at least one member of a fisheries union.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, by December 3, 2025, the Department of Marine Resources shall submit a report based on its study in section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources. The committee is authorized to submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Marine Resources to study the level of stakeholder input involved in the appointment of the Commissioner of Marine Resources and how that input may be expanded. The department is required to submit a report by December 3, 2025 to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources, which may submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.