



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 11.14: Atlantic Sea Scallop Limited Entry Program, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Marine Resources**

**Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill**

**Sponsor: Rep. Kumiega of Deer Isle**

**Committee: Marine Resources**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue decrease - General Fund

Minor revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This bill would authorize the final adoption of provisionally adopted Department of Marine Resources (DMR) rules related to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Limited Entry Program. Because the rules set an exit/entry ratio for commercial scallop drag licenses of 2 new licenses for every 3 license exits, fewer commercial scallop drag licenses will be issued, which will result in minor General Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds revenue reductions. Any additional costs to DMR as a result of the final rule adoption is anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.