



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1770

LR 2190(03)

An Act To Create a Commercial Halibut Fishing License

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-979)

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$48,500	\$48,500	\$48,500
Revenue				
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Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill removes halibut from the list of species that may be fished with a commercial pelagic and anadromous fishing license and creates new commercial halibut fishing licenses and halibut tag fees (detailed below). License fee and halibut tag fee revenue will be credited to the Halibut Fund. The Department of Marine Resources estimates that between 200 to 300 individuals will choose to obtain commercial halibut licenses and the required tags, which will result in an estimated annual revenue increase to the Halibut Fund of \$48,500. The bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$48,500 beginning in fiscal year 2022-23 to allow for expenditure of the funds.

Commercial Halibut Fishing License - Resident Operator	\$48
Commercial Halibut Fishing License - Resident Operator w/Crew	\$128
Commercial Halibut Fishing License - Nonresident Operator w/Crew	\$481
Commercial Halibut Fishing License - Operator with a federal northeast multispecies permit authorizing halibut fishing w/crew	\$2
10 halibut tags	\$10
25 halibut tags	\$100