



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**An Act To Promote Rockweed Habitat Conservation through the Consideration of No-harvest Areas**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Marine Resources**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) to prepare and submit an update to the Legislature on implementation of the Rockweed Fishery Management Plan. The DMR must create a working group of experts to complete the work on developing criteria for certain areas closed to harvest or seasonally closed to harvest as recommended by the Rockweed Fishery Management Plan. The bill requires rules establishing areas closed to harvest and a process for the allocation to sectors be major substantive rules. Any additional costs to the DMR to undertake these activities are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.