

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 771

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By Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, petition of Frank M. Hynes for an investigation and study by the Division of Marine Fisheries relative to the impact of lost or abandoned fishing gear found on the shores of the Commonwealth. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY THE DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES RELATIVE TO FISHING GEAR SWEEP ASHORE.

1     *Resolved*, The division of marine fisheries shall conduct an inves-  
2 tigation and study relative to fishing gear swept ashore by natural  
3 causes. Said investigation and study shall include, but not be limited  
4 to, determining the extent of such occurrences, its impact on public  
5 safety and the aesthetics of the shoreline. Said division shall report  
6 to the general court the results of its investigation and study, and its  
7 recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation neces-  
8 sary to carry its recommendations into effect by filing the same with  
9 the clerk of the house of representatives on or before October 1,  
10 2007.