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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 566

H. P. 461 House of Representatives, February 17, 1977 Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bunker of Gouldsboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Permit the Taking of Halibut under Certain Conditions without a Commercial License.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 3801, 1st ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 565, § 1, is amended to read:

It is unlawful for any resident of the State of Maine to engage in commercial fishing, unless he has a current written license from the commissioner as provided in this section, except that any person may fish for or take halibut by use of line trawl or finfish by use of spear gun, dip net, handline or rod and reel for consumption by himself or by members of his family without having a license as provided in this section.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 3802, 1st ¶, as amended by PL 1975, c. 565, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

It is unlawful for a nonresident of the State of Maine to engage in commercial fishing, unless he has a current written license from the commissioner as provided in this section, except that any person may fish for or take halibut by use of line trawl or finfish by use of spear gun, dip net, handline or rod and reel for consumption by himself or by members of his family without having a license as provided in this section.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Enactment of this bill would permit the taking of halibut with line trawl for home consumption without obtaining a commercial license.