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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1985

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7 H.P. 1510

House of Representatives, January 24, 1984

8 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint
9 Rule 26.

10 Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources is suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Vose of Eastport.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Moholland of Princeton and Representative
Scarpino of St. George.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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17 AN ACT Relating to Scallop Fishing.
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
20 follows:

21 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6722, as repealed and replaced
22 by PL 1981, c. 96, is amended to read:

23 §6722. Closed areas

24 ~~It~~ Unless modified by regulation adopted under
25 section 6171-A, it is unlawful to fish for or take
26 scallops in the coastal waters from April 16th to Oc-
27 tober 31st, both days inclusive.

28 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6723, as amended by PL 1981, c.
29 91, is repealed and the following enacted in its
30 place:

31 §6723. Drag limits

1 It is unlawful to fish for or take scallops with
2 any combination of scallop drags in excess of 10 feet
3 in width determined by measuring from the extreme
4 outside edge of the mouth of the drag or combination
5 of drags to the opposite extreme outside edge.

6 STATEMENT OF FACT

7 Section 1 of the bill enhances the usefulness of
8 the Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6171-A, pre-
9 ventation of gear conflicts by allowing the Department
10 of Marine Resources to adjust the period when scallop
11 fishing is prohibited in ways designed to prevent,
12 reduce or eliminate gear conflicts.

13 Section 2 imposes a 10-foot scallop drag size
14 limitation throughout the coastal waters of the
15 State. A drag size limitation could aid in the con-
16 servation of the scallop resource in Maine waters and
17 reduce the opportunity for adverse interactions be-
18 tween mobile gear and fixed gear fishermen.

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