

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 531

House of Representatives, February 4, 1997

**An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Scallop Harvesting.**

(EMERGENCY)

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, BUNKER of Kossuth Township,  
DRISCOLL of Calais, PINKHAM of Lamoine.

2           **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

4           Whereas, measures to conserve scallop resources and measures  
6 to prevent gear conflict among people harvesting in different  
fisheries need immediate attention; and

8           Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
10 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
12 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore,

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

16           **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6171-A, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

18           6. Scallop limitations. The commissioner may not adopt  
20 rules for scallop harvesting under this section that are more  
restrictive than the closed dates for scallop harvesting under  
22 section 6672 unless those rules apply throughout the coastal  
waters of the State.

24           **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6722**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 685, is  
26 further amended to read:

28           **§6722. Closed areas**

30           Unless modified by regulation adopted under section 6171-A,  
it is unlawful to fish for or take scallops in the coastal waters  
32 from April 16th to ~~October--31st~~ November 30th, both days  
inclusive.

34           **Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §6954-B**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 518, §1,  
36 is repealed.

38           **Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §6954-C** is enacted to read:

40           §6954-C. Drag limits north of international bridge, Lubec

42           1. Maximum requirements. It is unlawful to fish in the  
coastal waters northerly and inshore of the international bridge  
44 that connects Lubec to Campobello Island, New Brunswick, Canada  
with any one drag or combination of drags:

46           A. That measure in excess of 5 feet, 6 inches in width by  
48 measuring from the extreme outside edge of the mouth of the  
drag or drags;

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