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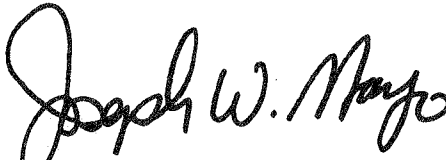
House of Representatives, February 4, 1997

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### An Act to Change the Membership of the Lobster Advisory Council.

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Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: HONEY of Boothbay, VOLENIK of Brooklin.

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

4       **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6462**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 503, Pt. B,  
5 §63, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 **§6462. Lobster Advisory Council**

7       **1. Appointment; composition.** The Lobster Advisory Council,  
8 established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 58 and in  
9 this subchapter known as the "council," consists of the following  
10 members:

11       A. The chair of each lobster management policy council  
12 established under section 6447;

13       B. Two persons who hold wholesale seafood licenses and are  
14 primarily dealers in lobsters, appointed by the  
15 commissioner; and

16       C. One person who is a member of the general public and  
17 does not hold any license under this subchapter, appointed  
18 by the commissioner.

19       **2. Term.** A member who is a chair of a lobster management  
20 policy council serves until that person is no longer the chair of  
21 that lobster management policy council. The members appointed  
22 under subsection 1, paragraph B and C are appointed to terms of 3  
23 years, except that a vacancy must be filled by the commissioner  
24 for the unexpired portion of the term. Members appointed under  
25 subsection 1, paragraphs B and C continue to serve until their  
26 successors are appointed.

27       **3. Compensation.** Members are entitled to compensation  
28 according to Title 5, chapter 379.

29       **4. Quorum.** A quorum is a majority of the members of the  
30 council, at least 4 of whom must be lobster and crab fishing  
31 license holders.

32       **5. Chair and officers.** The council shall annually choose  
33 one of its members to serve as chair for a one-year term. The  
34 council may select other officers and designate their duties.

35       **6. Meetings.** The council shall meet at least 4 times a year  
36 at regular intervals. It may also meet at other times at the call  
37 of the chair or the commissioner.

38       **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6463, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

