

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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weir fishermen this session. In its original form, this bill would have repealed the requirement that the Commissioner of Marine Resources determine that purse seining will not create a hardship to fixed gear fishermen or unduly deplete the resource before allowing purse seining in Washington County. The final bill repealed this, and also changed the closed season from April 10 through October 15th to April 15th through September 30th. This is a compromise of between the positions advocated by the fixed and mobile gear fishermen.

210 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF PURSE SEINES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY Scarpino LV/WD

211 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A REDUCED FEE FOR LOBSTER FISHING LICENSES FOR PERSONS 70 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER Conners OTP-ND

SUMMARY: Would have provided reduced lobster license fees for persons over 70. The bill died on the appropriations table.

275 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MAINE SARDINE LAW Vose LV/WD

336 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT POSSESSION OF LOBSTERS BY SCALLOP BOATS Salsbury ENACT. PL 52

SUMMARY: Prohibits taking lobsters with scallop drag, or possessing lobsters on a boat rigged for scallop dragging.

501 AN ACT TO LIMIT SCALLOP DRAGGING Randall LV/WD

502 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF MARINE RESOURCES REGARDING FISHWAYS Carter