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Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Prince of Harpswell.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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AN ACT Regulating the Maximum Size of Otter Trawlers in Casco Bay and  
Adjacent Waters.

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

Whereas, the season for fishing under this act begins in the spring of the year and in order that the fishing be regulated in the spring of 1961 the following legislation is vitally necessary; and

Whereas, this act, by limiting the size of boats and drags thereby extending the time of fishing, aids in the conservation of one of Maine's great natural resources; and

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

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

**R. S., c. 37-A, § 36-C, additional.** Chapter 37-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 331 of the public laws of 1959, is amended by adding a new section 36-C, to read as follows:

**'Sec. 36-C. Size of otter trawlers limited in Casco Bay and adjacent waters.** This section applies to all the coastal waters within the jurisdiction of the State between 69° 50' west longitude and 70° 20' west longitude.

**I. Maximum size of otter trawlers.** It is unlawful for any vessel with a register length in excess of 65 feet to fish with or use an otter trawl, or any other trawl within the above area.

**A. For the purposes of this section register length shall be as set forth on said vessel's operating document or marine license issued in conformity to Title L "Regulation of Vessels in Domestic Commerce" of the Revised Statutes of the United States of America.**

**II. Penalty. Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both.'**

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.