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ONE - HUNDRETH LEGISLATURE

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No. 497

H. P. 345

House of Representatives, January 18, 1961.

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.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Closing Casco Bay and Adjacent Waters to the Use of Otter Trawls.

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-A, 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-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 36-A. Otter trawls unlawful certain times and places. It is unlawful to fish or take fish by otter trawl from the coastal waters within the jurisdiction of this State between 69° 50' west longitude to 70° 20' west longitude from midnight, Friday, to midnight, Saturday, of each week during the months of June, July and August of each year.

I. 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.