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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Permit the Use of Draggers in Parts of Sheepscot Bay During  
the Month of February.**

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

Whereas, the use of draggers is prohibited in certain parts of Sheepscot Bay during 5 winter months; and

Whereas, rough winter seas during this period preclude all but the largest of the shrimp fleet from fishing the open seas beyond the sheltered and protected waters of Sheepscot Bay and estuaries; and

Whereas, it is a matter of economic necessity to those fishing such waters with small boats to extend the fishing season through the month of February; 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:

**P. & S. L., 1959, c. 155, § 73-A, amended.** Section 73-A of chapter 155 of the private and special laws of 1959, as amended by section 6 of chapter 89 of the private and special laws of 1961, is further amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 73-A. Use of draggers in parts of Sheepscoot Bay.** It shall be unlawful, between the first day of November and the first day of the following ~~March~~ **February**, to use a dragger or any other dragging apparatus, except standard scallop drags, for the taking of fish or lobsters from those parts of Sheepscoot Bay, Sagadahoc and Lincoln Counties, inshore from a line drawn from the southern end of Small Point to the southern end of Seguin Island; thence to southern end of Pumpkin Island; thence to Ocean Point.

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