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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 958

H. P. 745 House of Representatives, February 20, 1973 Referred to Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. MacLeod of Bar Harbor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Regulate Size of Scallop Drags Used in Certain Coastal Areas.

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

R. S., T. 12, § 4004, additional. Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 4004, to read as follows:

§ 4004. Dragging

Dragging for scallops beginning at a point inside Petit Manan Island Light, thence running in a straight line to the southerly tip of Schoodic Island; thence in a straight line to the southeasterly tip of Little Cranberry Island; then in a straight line to the northwesterly end of Little Duck Island; thence in a straight line to the southeasterly tip of Long Island Head on Long Island; thence in a straight line to the whistle buoy off Johns Island; thence in a straight line to the southeasterly tip of Eastern Ear Isle au Haut; thence in a straight line to Roaring Bull Ledge; thence in a straight line to Saddleback Ledge Light proceeding northerly to the easternmost point of Eagle Island; thence northerly to Black Point, Cape Rosier, shall be limited to the use of any one combination of scallop drags not to exceed in total 7 feet in width.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to limit the size of dragging equipment used to harvest scallops as a conservation measure and to permit the many small scallop draggers to operate in the area without the pressure of extinction through the use of larger equipment.