

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 336

H. P. 284

House of Representatives, January 23, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Blodgett of Waldoboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Amend the Law Relating to Scallop Fishing Licenses.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA, § 4001, the first ¶ and sub-§§ 1-3, are amended to read:

It is unlawful for any person to ~~operate in fish for or take from~~ the coastal waters of the State ~~any boat or drag engaged in the taking of~~ or to sell any scallops, unless he has a current written license from the commissioner as provided in this section.

1. **Exception for home consumption.** Any person may ~~operate a boat engaged in taking fish for or take~~ scallops for his own or his family's consumption without having a license as provided in this section, provided he does not take or possess more than 2 bushels of scallops in the shell in any one day, nor more than 4 quarts of shucked scallops.

2. **License designation; resident requirements.** The license, designated as a scallop fishing license, may be issued by the commissioner to any person who has been a legal resident of the State of Maine for ~~one year~~ 6 months next prior to the date of his application.

3. **General scope of license.** The licensee is entitled to ~~fish for or take~~ scallops from the tidal waters of the State when and where it is otherwise lawful to take them ~~and to sell the same~~.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA, § 4001, sub-§ 4, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

4. **Number of crew members unlimited.** The licensee may have any number of crew members, provided they are residents of this State.

A. The fee is \$25 for each license.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill is estimated to make an increase in revenue of \$6,000.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would clarify the scallop fishing licensing section and apply the licensing to the individuals instead of boats. Also it increases the license fee from \$10 to \$25.