

## STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 108TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. H-286)

"B" HOUSE AMENDMENT/to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 626, L.D. 767, Bill, "AN ACT to Repeal the Ban on Otter or Beam Trawls in Washington County Territorial Waters."

Amend the amendment by inserting after the first paragraph the following:

'Further amend the Bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:

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

Whereas, the annual fishing season is about to begin; and

Whereas, this Act permits the use of otter or beam trawls in the St. Croix River above or north of Quoddy Head Lighthouse; and

Whereas, the potential fish catch in this area is of great economic benefit to the inhabitants of Washington County and of this State; and

Whereas, this Act must take effect as soon as possible so that this much-needed benefit may be realized by the inhabitants of Washington County and of the State; and HOUSE AMENDMENT to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 626, L.D. 767

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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,

Further amend the amendment by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

'Further amend the Bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

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

## Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to add an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the committee amendment.

## Filed by Mrs. Post of Owl's Head.

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