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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 999, L.D. 1240, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Purse Seining and Stop Seining."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'12 MRSA §4208, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 309, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§4208. Purse seines not to be set near certain stop seines

1. Unlawful actions. It shall be unlawful to fish with, set or assist in setting any purse seine;

A. Within 2,000 feet of any boat containing a crew and stop seine capable of fishing the cove or arc of beach;

B. From sunrise to sunset, within 2,000 feet of any stop seine set across the mouth of a cove or arc of a beach, when a pocket is set for holding fish and is marked by at least 4 floating kegs or similar devices; or

C. From sunset to sunrise, within 2,000 feet of any stop seine set across the mouth of a cove or arc of a beach, when a boat and crew capable of fishing the cove or beach is present.

2. Exception. The operator of the stop seine may use a purse seine inside the pocket of the stop seine to remove the fish caught, and shall not violate this section by doing so.

3. Penalty. Violation of this section shall be a Class C crime.

4. Definition. For the purpose of this section, sunset and sunrise are the times given for sunset and sunrise as computed and established for Augusta, Maine, by the Nautical Almanac Office of the United States Naval Observatory for the particular day involved, converted to the legal standard of time in force in this State on that day.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify when and where purse seining is not allowed around a stop seine or a boat preparing to set a stop seine.

Reported by the Committee on Marine Resources.

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