

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1633

H. P. 1423

House of Representatives, April 14, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Concerning Trap Limits for Lobster Fishing in Hancock County
and around Isle au Haut.

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

12 MRSA § 4469 is enacted to read:

§ 4469. Trap limits; lobster fishing; certain state waters

1. Location of waters. This section applies to all coastal waters within the jurisdiction of the State that are east of a line beginning at the Head of the Cape, Cape Rosier, and running southerly to the gong buoy marked "3A" located northeast of Eagle Island, then running to the bell buoy marked "3" located east of Eagle Island, and then running southerly to and through Saddleback Ledge and to and through Three Fathoms Ledge until that line intersects the line marked by radio direction-finder LORAN A bearing 1H7-1160; and are west of 67° 56' west longitude; and are northerly of the line marked by radio direction-finder LORAN A bearing 1H7-1160.

2. Trap limits.

A. It is unlawful for any person to set, raise, haul or fish more than 400 traps or pots for the taking of lobsters or crabs in these waters, or to have on board of any boat or ship more than 400 traps or pots of one licensee. It is unlawful for any licensee to cause or allow, directly or indirectly, the setting or fishing of more than 400 pots or traps bearing his trap tags in these waters.

B. It is unlawful to set, raise or haul any pot or trap without a trap tag securely attached thereto. The trap tag shall clearly bear the licensee's lobster and crab fishing license number, name and address.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to limit lobster fishermen to fishing no more than 400 traps in the waters of Hancock County and in Isle au Haut bay. These restrictions are necessary to conserve the lobster fishery business from over fishing.