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S. P. 737

In Senate, March 9, 1978

Reported by the Minority of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources
pursuant to Joint Order, S. P. 700

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-EIGHT

AN ACT to Establish a Two-inch Minimum Size for Soft-shell Clams.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 3901, 1st ¶, is amended to read:

It is unlawful for any person to take or have in his possession **soft-shell clams or quahogs** which are less than 2 inches in the longest diameter to the amount of more than 10% of any lot.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 3901, sub-§ § 1 and 3, are amended to read:

1. **Definitions.** A lot, as used in this section, means the total number of **soft-shell clams or quahogs** in any bulk pile. Where **soft-shell clams or quahogs** are in a box, barrel or other container, the contents of each box, barrel or other container constitute a separate lot.

3. **Exception of permittee.** This section does not apply to the possession of seed **soft-shell clams or quahogs** under authority of a permit, issued by the commissioner, as provided in section 4308.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill creates a size limit on soft-shell clams, by requiring a minimum 2 inch size.