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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1631, L.D. 1741, bill, "AN ACT to Limit Possession of Lobsters on board Boats Rigged for Otter or Beam Trawling, Seining or Netting."

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

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6952, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is amended to read:

B. This section shall not apply to any boat rigged for otter or beam trawling, or seining or netting if all nets are removed from the boat ~~before-fishing-for-lobsters.~~

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6952, sub-§1, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. This section shall not apply to any boat rigged for netting if there are no finfish taken by gillnet aboard.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment clarifies the bill to insure that lobstermen using draggers, seiners and gill netters can continue to lobster from them, provided that they are not, at the same time, fishing for finfish. The amendment will allow those lobstermen to continue to have bait on board, but will not allow gill netters to have gill netted fish on board. This will prevent someone from simultaneously gill netting and lobstering.

Reported by the Committee on Marine Resources
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