

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 354

H. P. 327

House of Representatives, January 21, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Salsbury of Bar Harbor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Limit Scallop Dragging to Daylight Hours.

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

12 MRSA § 6722-A is enacted to read:

§ 6722-A. Scallop dragging limited to daylight hours

It is unlawful to fish for or take scallops in the coastal waters from 1/2 hour after sunset of each day to 1/2 hour before sunrise of the following day.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The scallop season in this State coincides with the highly productive periods for lobster and crab fishermen during which period a large number of lobster and crab traps are in the waters of this State where scallop boats are actively engaged in dragging for scallops.

Considerable gear conflict and problems have developed as a result of scallop dragging during the hours of darkness.