

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 328

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.

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

12 MRSA § 6722, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 6722. Closed areas

It is unlawful to fish for or take scallops in the coastal waters from April 16th to October 31st, both days inclusive.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The scallop dragging season for the State has generally prohibited scallop dragging during the period from April 16th to October 31st, however, an exception has existed in the past for certain areas seaward of a certain line running from Burnt Island generally to Petit Manan Island Light. The exception to allow the taking of scallops in these waters while not allowing them in other waters of the State appears to be without justification and is not in the interest of conservation of the scallop resource and has been detrimental to other marine resources resulting in gear conflict, damage to the resource and damage to lobster and crab traps.