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House of Representatives, January 29, 1981

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule
24.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Fowlie of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Repeal Drag Limits in Blue Hill Bay.

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

12 MRSA § 6723, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The repeal of this provision setting size restrictions on scallop drags in Blue Hill Bay will enable the Commissioner of Marine Resources to set size restrictions by department regulation. The regulation format provides the flexibility needed to accommodate the changing needs of the Blue Hill scallop resource and fishing industry. The Commissioner of Marine Resources intends to implement this statute as a regulation of the department. Similar drag limit restrictions are currently regulations rather than statutes.