

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1316

House of Representatives, April 6, 1981

Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

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.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**AN ACT to Limit Scallop Dragging.**

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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**12 MRSA § 6722**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place: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 from April 16th to November 30th, both days inclusive, within the coastal waters of the State.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The month of November is one of the most productive periods of time for lobstermen and for crab fishermen and, in the past, there have been substantial gear conflicts between scallop draggers and the lobster and crab fishermen, resulting in severe, economic loss of lobster and crab traps as well as the fishing conflicts therein. This bill would prohibit the taking of scallops within Maine's coastal waters from April 16th to November 30th.