

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 209

7 H.P. 180

House of Representatives, January 18, 1983

8 Received by the Clerk of the House on January 18, 1983. Referred to the  
9 Committee on Marine Resources, and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule  
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10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Scarpino of St. George.  
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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT Concerning the Use of Purse  
18 Seines in Washington County.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 12 MRSA §6571, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1979, c.  
23 262, is further amended to read:

24 2. Purse seines prohibited. From April 10th to  
25 October 15th, both days inclusive, it shall be unlaw-  
26 ful to use a purse seine. This subsection shall not  
27 prohibit the seining of mackerel or the use of a  
28 purse seine to remove the fish caught in a weir or  
29 stop seine. The commissioner may by regulation allow  
30 the use of purse seines during this period in spe-  
31 cific areas and with specific conditions or limita-  
32 tions, if he finds that the use is necessary to pro-  
33 vide fish to processors; ~~that it will not create~~

1 undue hardships to fixed gear fishermen in the area  
2 and that it will not unduly deplete the recruitment  
3 capacity of the steeks. These regulations may be  
4 adopted or amended as emergencies under section 6192.

5 STATEMENT OF FACT

6 The purpose of this bill is to amend the statute  
7 dealing with the use of purse seines in the coastal  
8 waters of Washington County. This bill would remove  
9 some of the conditions which the commissioner must  
10 find to exist before he can permit purse seines. The  
11 commissioner would be able to permit the use of purse  
12 seines if he finds that their use is necessary to  
13 provide fish to processors.

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