

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

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7 H.P. 418

House of Representatives, February 1, 1983

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9 Committee on Marine Resources, and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule
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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Randall of East Machias.

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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 to Limit Scallop Dragging.
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
20 follows:

21 12 MRSA §6722, as repealed and replaced by PL
22 1981, c. 96, is repealed and the following enacted in
23 its place:

24 §6722. Closed areas

25 It is unlawful to fish for or take scallops from
26 April 16th to November 30th, both days inclusive,
27 within the coastal waters of the State.

28 STATEMENT OF FACT

29 The month of November is one of the most produc-
30 tive periods of time for lobstermen and for crab

1 fishermen and, in the past, there have been substan-
2 tial gear conflicts between scallop draggers and the
3 lobster and crab fishermen, resulting in severe, eco-
4 nomic loss of lobster and crab traps as well as the
5 fishing conflicts therein. This bill would prohibit
6 the taking of scallops within Maine's coastal waters
7 from April 16th to November 30th.

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