

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. 711

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7 H.P. 561

House of Representatives, February 10, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources, sent up for concurrence
9 and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Conners of Franklin.

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 Change the Season during
18 which Scallops may be Taken.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 12 MRSA §6722, as repealed and replaced by PL
23 1981, c. 96, is amended to read:

24 §6722. Closed areas

25 It is unlawful to fish for or take scallops in
26 the coastal waters from ~~April 16th~~ May 6th to ~~October~~
27 ~~31st~~ November 30th, both days inclusive.

28 STATEMENT OF FACT

29 The justification for changing the dates of open-
30 ing and closing of the Maine scallop season is that,

1 under present conditions, there is a very extensive
2 and viable lobster fishery in operation in the areas
3 that are being extensively dragged by scallop fisher-
4 men, resulting in unnecessary destruction of the lob-
5 ster resource by the heavy dragging equipment being
6 used by scallop fishermen.

7 Past experience has shown that scalloping and
8 lobstering operations when carried out in the same
9 area and time frame have caused serious "gear con-
10 flict" problems, resulting in lobstermen losing
11 expensive gear and being forced to abandon very pro-
12 ductive fishing areas.

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