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H.P. 944

House of Representatives, March 17, 1983

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Reported by Representative Holloway from the Committee on Marine Resources and printed under Joint Rule 2.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

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NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE

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AN ACT Concerning the Use of Purse Seines in Washington County.

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

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

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2. Purse seines prohibited. From ~~April 10th to October 15th~~ April 15th to September 30th, both days inclusive, it shall be unlawful to use a purse seine. This subsection shall not prohibit the seining of mackerel or the use of a purse seine to remove the fish caught in a weir or stop seine. The commissioner may by regulation allow the use of purse seines during this period in specific areas and with specific conditions or limitations, if he finds that

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1 the use is necessary to provide fish to processors,
2 that it will not create undue hardships to fixed gear
3 fishermen in the area and that it will not unduly
4 deplete the recruitment capacity of the stocks. These
5 regulations may be adopted or amended as emergencies
6 under section 6192.

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 This new draft reduces the period of time purse
9 seining is prohibited in Washington County. This new
10 draft also gives the Commissioner of Marine Resources
11 more flexibility to open areas to purse seining, as
12 did the original bill.

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