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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. 1560
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7 H.P. 1172

House of Representatives, May 4, 1983

8 Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule
9 24.

10 Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Ainsworth of Yarmouth.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Salsbury of Bar Harbor and Representative
Manning of Portland.

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 Catching of
18 Herring for Bait.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6542, sub-§1, as enacted by PL
23 1977, c. 661, §5, is repealed:

24 Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §4159, first ¶, as amended by PL
25 1975, c. 44, §1, is further amended to read:

26 It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or cor-
27 poration to sell, offer for sale or transfer in any
28 manner herring which are ~~between~~ 4 1/2 and 9 inches
29 in length or longer when measured from one extreme to
30 the other to any person, firm or corporation, other
31 than for human consumption or bait purposes, unless
32 such herring are not desirable for processing for
33 human consumption; provided there is a buyer of
34 herring for processing for human consumption within a

1 reasonable distance of the place where such herring
2 are caught and available at the time they are offered
3 for sale, ready and willing to purchase at a price
4 acceptable to the seller. No person, firm or corpo-
5 ration shall can, pack or otherwise process such
6 herring except for human consumption except as pro-
7 vided in this section.

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 The purpose of section 1 is to remove the excep-
10 tion which allows the taking of herring smaller than
11 4 1/2 inches in length for use as bait for fishing.

12 Section 2 recognizes the fact that herring 9
13 inches and longer have become economically important
14 for purposes of human consumption and that these
15 larger herring should be provided the same protection
16 by law as is currently accorded to herring between 4
17 1/2 and 9 inches in length.

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