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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2248

H.P. 1693

House of Representatives, March 15, 1984

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

On Motion of Representative Crowley of Stockton Springs. Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Carter of Winslow.

Cosponsor: Representative Crowley of Stockton Springs.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR

AN ACT Concerning Striped Bass.

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

12 MRSA §6556 is enacted to read:

§6556. Striped bass; limits; personal use

It is unlawful for any person to fish for or take striped bass in the coastal waters except for personal use.

It is unlawful for any person to take or possess more than 4 striped bass per day.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 During the First Regular Session of the 111th
3 Legislature, legislative document 787, "An Act to
4 Regulate Striped Bass Fishing" was enacted. That
5 statute was enacted to assist in interstate conserva-
6 tion of striped bass and to bring Maine into conform-
7 ity with the management recommendations of the Inter-
8 state Striped Bass Management Plan.

9 Due to continued decline in the striped bass re-
10 source of the Atlantic Seaboard, the Interstate
11 Striped Bass Management Board of the Atlantic States
12 Marine Fisheries Commission has requested that par-
13 ticipating states enact more restrictive interim reg-
14 ulations. This interim legislation would be in ef-
15 fect until the striped bass population of the Chesa-
16 peake Bay region begins to recover. This bill pro-
17 vides for the necessary additional restrictions to
18 further conserve this declining resource. Federal
19 legislation has already been filed in the United
20 States Congress to impose federal jurisdiction over
21 the striped bass resource. The individual states
22 must take the necessary action to reduce harvest of
23 striped bass to preclude federal control of striped
24 bass management.

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