

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1092

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7 S.P. 393

In Senate, March 21, 1985

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

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

Presented by Senator Chalmers of Knox.  
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12 Cosponsored by Representative Crowley of Stockton Springs,  
13 Representative Vose of Eastport and Representative Salsbury of Bar Harbor.

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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE

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18 AN ACT to Repeal the Minimum Size for  
19 Scallops.

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

22 12 MRSA §6721, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5,  
23 is repealed.

24 STATEMENT OF FACT

25 Sea scallops are subject to management by federal  
26 regulations in order to implement conservation goals  
27 established by the New England Fishery Management  
28 Council. The federal regulations attempt to provide  
29 for an economically viable fishery within the context  
30 of the New England Fishery Management Council's con-  
31 servation goals. Federal scallop regulations are  
32 subject to fairly regular adjustment because of the  
33 dynamic nature of the scallop fishery.

1           Maine's scallop minimum size statute and federal  
2 regulations are at times contradictory or incompati-  
3 ble. Repeal of this statute would permit the Commis-  
4 sioner of Marine Resources to establish by regulation  
5 scallop sizes for the territorial waters that are  
6 compatible with federal regulations.

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