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1 (New Draft of H.P. 654, L.D. 924)
2 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document

No. 1547

8 H.P. 1065

House of Representatives, May 20, 1985

9 Reported by Representative Ruhlin from the Committee on Marine
10 Resources and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill sponsored by
11 Representative Manning of Portland. Cosponsored by Representative Ruhlin
of Brewer, Representative Crowley of Stockton Springs and Representative
Vose of Eastport.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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18 AN ACT to Clarify the Law Regarding the
19 Taking of Soft-shell Clams.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 12 MRSa §6623, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1979, c.
24 622, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its
25 place:

26 2. Special license for dredging. The commission-
27 er may issue a special license, acting in accordance
28 with the procedures set forth in section 6074, sub-
29 sections 1 to 6, to operate a hydraulic or mechanical
30 soft-shell clam dredge for educational or scientific
31 purposes, for use on an aquaculture lease site or for
32 municipal transplanting projects. The dredge shall
33 not be used for commercial soft-shell clam harvesting
34 except as authorized in this subsection. The dredge
35 design and proposed operation shall be approved by
36 the commissioner. The operation of the dredge shall

1 not interfere with commercial digging and shall not
2 be used for taking marine worms, lobsters or other
3 crustaceans.

4 STATEMENT OF FACT

5 The purpose of this new draft is to clarify the
6 allowable use of clam dredges. Dredges are limited to
7 scientific research, educational projects, municipal
8 transplanting projects and use on aquacultural lease
9 sites. No other commercial use is permissible.

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