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1 2 3	(New Draft of H.P. 1213, L.D. 1720) SECOND REGULAR SESSION
4 5	ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
6 7	Legislative Document No. 204
8 9 10	H.P. 1448 House of Representatives, February 21, 1980 Reported by the Majority from the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill sponsored by Representative Carter of Winslow. Cosponsored by Representative Crowley of Stockton
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15 16 17	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
18 19	AN ACT to Conserve Striped Bass.
20 21	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
22 23	Sec 1. 12 MRSA §6555, as amended by PL 1985, c. 202, is further amended to read:
24	§6555. Striped bass; method of taking
25 26 27 28	It shall be <u>is</u> unlawful to fish for or take striped bass in the coastal waters of the State, except by hook and line or, between sunrise and sunset, by use of a spear.
29 30 31	It shall be is unlawful to take or possess striped bass which are less than 24 33 inches fork total length.
32 33	<pre>Sec 2. 12 MRSA §6556, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 713, §§1 and 2, is amended to read:</pre>

§6556. Striped bass; limits; personal use

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

It is unlawful for any person to take or possess more than 4 2 striped bass per day.

Sec 3. Repeal. The Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, sections 6555 and 6556, will be repealed on December 31, 1987, and on that date Title 12, sections 6555 and 6556 will be reenacted to read as they read just prior to the effective date of this Act.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the application of the 33-inch minimum size limit on striped bass fishing and to extend this limit to all waters of the State. The amendment reduces the daily bag limit from 4 fish to 2 fish. The repeal clause is revised to include a specific date and to make it clear that the provisions related to striped bass fishing after that date shall revert to the current law.

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