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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 770

H.P. 572 House of Representatives, March 13, 1987
Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife
suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative LOOK of Stonington.

Cosponsored by Representative RICE of Stonington and
Senator BRAUN of Knox.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Concerning the Taking of Smelts.

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

5 12 MRSA §6552, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1977, c.
6 661, §5, is amended to read:

7 2. Exception. This section shall not apply to:

8 A. Any licensed wholesale seafood or retail
9 seafood dealer licensed under sections 6851 or
10 6852, bait dealer licensed under section 2558 or
11 grocery, restaurant or fish store, who may pos-
12 sess more than 4 quarts in his place of business;
13 or

1 B. The holder of a current commercial fishing
2 license to the extent he takes smelts in a li-
3 censed weir or herring trap. The failure to ex-
4 hibit the commercial fishing license immediately
5 upon request of a coastal or game warden shall be
6 prima facie evidence that the person possessing
7 smelts is not excepted under this paragraph; or

8 C. Any area of the State where this taking or
9 possession of smelts is regulated by rule of the
10 commissioner or private and special law.

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 The purpose of this bill is to conserve the natu-
13 ral resources of the State by regulating certain
14 fishing resources. This bill provides for the taking
15 of smelts in the tidal waters of certain rivers in
16 spring fishing annually according to the best conser-
17 vation practices.

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