

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1383

H.P. 1025 House of Representatives, April 29, 1987
Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative ZIRNKILTON of Mount Desert.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Amend the Law Prohibiting
2 Scalloping and Dragging in the
3 Frenchboro Area.
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 12 MRSA §6954-A, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 317,
8 is amended to read:

9 §6954-A. Dragging and scalloping prohibited in the
10 Frenchboro area

11 It is unlawful to take scallops by any means, ex-
12 cept as licensed under section 6701, subsection 2, or
13 to operate any watercraft when towing a drag or trawl
14 within the following area: Starting at the

1 westernmost point on Red Point, Swan's Island; thence
2 in an easterly direction to the southernmost point of
3 the western Sister's Island; thence in an southeast-
4 erly direction to the southernmost point of Crow Is-
5 land; thence to the northernmost point of Harbor Is-
6 land; thence southerly to the northernmost point of
7 the western side of the entrance to Lunt's Harbor and
8 then starting at the westernmost point of Gooseberry
9 Point on Frenchboro, Long Island; westerly to the
10 northernmost point of John's Island; thence northwest
11 to the easternmost point of Baker Island; thence
12 northerly to Stanley Point on Swan's Island. The
13 penalty for violation of this section shall be as
14 provided in section 6954.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

16 The purpose of this bill is to clarify the law in
17 relation to scallop fishing in this area of
18 Frenchboro. Public Law 1985, chapter 317, was en-
19 acted to protect a cable crossing that area. It was
20 not the intent to create a conservation zone; there-
21 fore, fishing for scallops by hand should be allowed
22 as this bill provides.

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