

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 2600

H.P. 1903 House of Representatives, March 30, 1988
Reported by Representative MITCHELL from the Joint
Standing Committee on Marine Resources pursuant to the Maine
Revised Statutes Annotated, Title 12, Section 6681, Subsection
7.

Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine
Resources suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 18.
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend the 2-Inch Clam
Law.

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

6 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6681, sub-§§1 and 3, as
7 amended by PL 1983, c. 838, §6, are further amended to
8 read:

1 1. Purpose. The Legislature finds that the
2 conservation and wise use of the State's shellfish
3 resource may be enhanced by a 2-inch 1 1/2-inch
4 minimum size limit on possession of soft-shell clam
5 shell stock in combination with other management
6 programs.

7 The Legislature further finds that management programs
8 should be designed to meet local circumstances as
9 appropriate, but also finds that a minimum size limit
10 to be beneficial must be a uniform standard statewide.

11 The Legislature intends by this ~~Article~~ article to
12 enhance the value of the State's shellfish resource by
13 the institution of uniform standards which can be
14 implemented and enforced statewide.

15 3. Minimum size. It is unlawful to possess
16 soft-shelled clam shell stock whose shells are less
17 than 2 1 1/2 inches in the largest diameter.

18 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6681, sub-§§4 and 7, as
19 enacted by PL 1983, c. 838, §6, are repealed.

20 STATEMENT OF FACT

21 This bill is the minority recommendation of the
22 Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources pursuant
23 to its review of the 2-inch clam law. The bill
24 changes the minimum allowable size of soft-shell clam
25 stock from 2 inches to 1 1/2 inches and repeals the
26 tolerance factor.

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