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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 115TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 437, L.D. 1181, Bill, "An Act Regarding Taking Scallops in the Swan's Island Cable Area"

16 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its 18 place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6954-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 1, §3, is amended to read:

1. Violation. It Unless permitted by rules adopted under section 7792, subsection 6, it is unlawful to take scallops by 24 any means or to operate any watercraft when towing a drag or trawl within the following area: Starting starting at the 26 easternmost point on Red Point, Swan's Island; thence in an easterly direction to the southernmost point of the western 28 Sister's Island; thence in a southeasterly direction to the 30 southernmost point of Crow Island; thence in a southerly direction to the northernmost point of Harbor Island, Frenchboro, Long Island; thence southerly to the state ferry terminal located 32 on the eastern side of Lunt's Harbor, Frenchboro, Long Island, and then starting at the westernmost point of Gooseberry Point on 34 Frenchboro, Long Island; westerly to the northeast point of 36 John's Island; thence northwest to the easternmost point of the largest of the Baker Islands; thence northwesterly to the northeastern point of Harbor Island, Swan's Island; thence 38 northerly to Quarry Wharf, Minturn, Swan's Island.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7792, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 543, 42 §67, is amended to read:

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5. Restrictions for airmobiles. Rules restricting the operation of airmobiles in fish or wildlife preserves, conservation areas or other areas where the operation may harm the natural environment. and

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Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7792, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Scalloping permitted by rule; Frenchboro area. Rules
permitting the taking of scallops in the Frenchboro area, as
defined in section 6954-A, subsection 1, except that the rules
may not permit the use of drags more than 30 inches wide and may
not permit the use of drag ropes more than 3/8 inch in diameter.

FISCAL NOTE

Costs associated with the adoption of rules permitting 14 scalloping in the Swan's Island cable area will be absorbed by the Department of Marine Resources utilizing existing budgeted 16 revenues.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

22 Current law prohibits scallop harvesting in the Frenchboro area around the cable to Swan's Island. This amendment 24 authorizes the Commissioner of Marine Resources to adopt rules that permit scalloping in that area, except that the use of drags 26 more than 30 inches wide and drag ropes more than 3/8 inch in diameter are prohibited.

> Reported by Senator Vose for the Committee on Marine Resources. Reproduced and Distributed Pursuant to Senate Rule 12. (5/20/91) (Filing No. S-183)