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Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

VJOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Freeport. Cosponsored by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Marine Resources to Mediate a Conflict between Those Fishing for Lobster with Short Trawls and Those Using Long Trawls in the Harraseeket River.

(EMERGENCY)

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Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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Whereas, a serious gear conflict exists between those who fish for lobster on the Harraseeket River using short trawls and those who fish using long trawls; and

Whereas, there is a need for immediate action to assess the nature and scope of the problem and to develop a plan to address it; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Commissioner's duties. Resolved: That the Commissioner 20 of Marine Resources shall:

22 1. Mediate a gear conflict between those who fish for lobster on the Harraseeket River using short trawls and those who 24 fish using long trawls;

2. Adopt rules to effect a settlement; and

Report the commissioner's findings to the Second Regular
Session of the 116th Legislature and to the Joint Standing
Committee on Marine Resources no later than November 1, 1993.

32 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

38 This resolve directs the Commissioner of Marine Resources to mediate a conflict between those who fish for lobster on the 40 Harraseeket River using short trawls and those who fish using long trawls.