

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 116th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 196

S.P. 83

In Senate, January 28, 1993

**An Act Concerning the Use of Stabilizers on Fishing Vessels.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PINGREE of Knox.  
Cosponsored by Representative: SKOGLUND of St. George.

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

4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6956 is enacted to read:

6 §6956. Paravanes prohibited; southwestern Penobscot Bay

8 A person may not use a paravane on a registered or  
10 documented vessel in any coastal waters located within the area  
12 bounded by a line running easterly from the southernmost point of  
14 Monroe Island to the westernmost point of Brimstone Island, then  
16 southerly to the westernmost point of Seal Island, then westerly  
18 to the northernmost point of Large Green Island, then northerly  
20 to the southernmost point of Monroe Island. For the purposes of  
22 this section, the term "paravane" means a device projecting  
underwater that is designed to stabilize a vessel.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill prohibits the use of paravanes by registered or documented vessels in an area of coastal waters located in the southwestern Penobscot Bay area.