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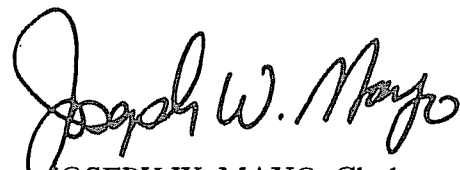
No. 1612

H.P. 1204

House of Representatives, January 4, 1994

**An Act to Prohibit Dragging in Waters within the Area of an
Aquacultural Lease.**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Received by the Clerk of the House on December 30, 1993. Referred to the Committee on
Marine Resources and 1200 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TOWNSEND of Eastport.
Cosponsored by Representatives: LOOK of Jonesboro, MITCHELL of Freeport, Senator: VOSE
of Washington.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6954-B is enacted to read:

6 §6954-B. Dragging in aquaculture lease areas

8 1. Violation. It is unlawful for a person to use any drag
10 or trawl within an area subject to an aquaculture lease issued by
12 the commissioner under the provisions of section 6072 unless that
14 person receives written permission from the leaseholder.

16 2. Penalty. Violation of this section is a Class D crime,
18 except that the minimum fine is \$500 and may not be suspended.

20 STATEMENT OF FACT

22 This bill prohibits the use of any drag or trawl along the
24 seabed within the leased territory of a facility for the culture
26 of finfish in nets, pens or other enclosures or for the suspended
28 culture of shellfish, unless the person receives written
30 permission from the facility leaseholder.

28 This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the
30 need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical
amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.