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**An Act to Prohibit Commercial Dragging during the Period Beginning
April 16th and Ending November 14th.**

Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CASSIDY of Washington.
Cosponsored by Senators: BEGLEY of Lincoln, BENOIT of Franklin, LORD of York,
Representatives: BAILEY of Township 27, LAYTON of Cherryfield, PINKHAM of
Lamoine, POVICH of Ellsworth, TUFTS of Stockton Springs.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6722**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 685, is
repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 **§6722. Closed areas; dates**

8 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
10 contrary, a person may not take any scallops from coastal waters
12 using a drag or combination of drags from April 16th to November
14 14th. If the commissioner adopts rules pursuant to section
6171-A that are more restrictive than this section, the
restriction must be uniform throughout the coastal waters of the
State.

16 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6749**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 416, §2, is
amended to read:

18 **§6749. Sea urchin harvesting season; dragging**

20 It is unlawful for a person to fish for or take sea urchins
22 from May 15th to August 15th, both days inclusive.

24 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
26 contrary, a person may not take any sea urchins from coastal
waters using a drag or combination of drags from April 16th to
28 November 14th. If the commissioner adopts rules pursuant to
section 6171-A that are more restrictive than this section, the
30 restriction must be uniform throughout the coastal waters of the
State.

32 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

34 This bill prohibits commercial dragging for scallops or sea
36 urchins from April 16th to November 14th. The Commissioner of
Marine Resources may further restrict the times that drags may be
38 used, but only if the restriction is the same for all coastal
waters of the State.