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MARINE RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
117TH LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 605, L.D. 815, Bill, "An Act to Limit the Size of Drag Nets Used in South Bay in Eastport"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§6954-B.~~" in the first paragraph in the 6th line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "rock"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§6954-B.~~" in the first paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "limited to no more than 6 3-inch rings deep." and inserting in its place the following: 'limited to no more than 8 rings deep. The ring size must be the legal size in effect that applies to a holder of a license or federal permit.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may increase prosecutions for Class D crimes. If a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties are estimated to be \$83.22 per day per prisoner. These costs are not reimbursed by the State. The number of prosecutions that may result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

The additional workload, administrative costs and indigent defense costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted

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2 resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of
3 additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor
4 amounts.

5 The additional enforcement costs can be absorbed by the
6 Department of Marine Resources utilizing existing budgeted
7 resources.'

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10 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

11 The amendment makes ring-size limits for drags in South Bay
12 in Eastport apply to all drags. The bill applied ring-size
13 limits to rock drags.

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15 The amendment also limits drags to a total of 8 rings deep,
16 with the ring size limited to the legal size that applies to
17 either a state license or federal permit, depending on which
18 license a person holds.

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20 The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.
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