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MARINE RESOURCES

Reported by: Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock for the Committee.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 428, L.D. 1196, Bill, "An Act to Encourage an Alternative Fishery"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3 by striking out all of paragraph E (page 1, lines 32 to 37 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'E. The harvesting of marine mollusks from closed areas for the use of bait or other uses not meant for human consumption, if the harvesting takes place according to rules adopted by the commissioner. The commissioner may adopt rules that permit the taking, possession, shipping, transportation and selling of marine mollusks for bait or other uses not meant for human consumption, if the rules do not jeopardize certification of the State's shellfish according to the National Shellfish Sanitation Program.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may reduce prosecutions for crimes with sentencing provisions authorizing fines only. The Judicial Department may realize some minor savings from reductions of workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of cases

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2 that will no longer be filed in the court system. Reductions in
the collection of fines may decrease General Fund revenue by
4 minor amounts.

6 The Department of Marine Resources will incur some minor
additional costs to adopt rules. These costs can be absorbed
8 within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

10 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

12 This amendment permits the harvesting of marine mollusks
14 from areas closed to shellfishing, if the mollusks are used for
bait or other uses not meant for human consumption. The
16 harvesting must be in accordance with rules adopted by the
Commissioner of Marine Resources. Those rules may not jeopardize
18 certification of Maine's shellfish under the National Shellfish
Sanitation Program. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the
bill.