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H.P. 1045

House of Representatives, May 2, 1995

An Act to Preserve Fishing Stocks.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SAXL of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BENEDIKT of Brunswick, CARLETON of Wells, CHARTRAND of Rockland, CLOUTIER of South Portland, DiPIETRO of South Portland, DRISCOLL of Calais, ETNIER of Harpswell, FARNUM of South Berwick, GATES of Rockport, GIERINGER of Portland, GREEN of Monmouth, JACQUES of Waterville, KEANE of Old Town, KONTOS of Windham, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, LEMONT of Kittery, LIBBY of Buxton, LINDAHL of Northport, MAYO of Bath, McELROY of Unity, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, MITCHELL of Portland, O'NEAL of Limestone, OTT of York, PENDLETON of Scarborough, PERKINS of Penobscot, RICE of South Bristol, ROWE of Portland, SAXL of Bangor, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, TUFTS of Stockton Springs, TUTTLE of Sanford, VOLENIK of Sedgwick, WATSON of Farmingdale, WHEELER of Bridgewater, WHITCOMB of Waldo, Senators: HANLEY of Oxford, KIEFFER of Aroostook, LAWRENCE of York, McCORMICK of Kennebec, MILLS of Somerset, PINGREE of Knox, RAND of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6002, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661,
§5, is amended to read:

6 **3. General application.** Marine resources' laws shall apply
to all registered vessels and to all persons where their
8 activities occur within the State, within the coastal waters of
the State for a distance of 12 miles or where the product of
10 those activities are brought into the State or its coastal
waters. They shall also apply to all residents of the State
12 wherever those activities are conducted, but not within the
jurisdiction of another state. These laws do not apply to marine
14 organisms passing through the State under the authority of the
laws of the United States. This subsection does not limit
16 section 6859.

18 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

20 This bill requires that marine resources laws of the State
22 be applied and enforced in coastal waters to a distance of 12
miles from the coastline of the State for the purpose of
24 regulating the harvesting of living resources of the seas.