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No. 276

H.P. 212

House of Representatives, January 21, 1997

An Act to Extend the Territorial Waters to 12 Miles for the Purpose of Marine Resource Protection and the Enforcement of Marine Resource Laws.

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 VOLENIK of Brooklin.
Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock and
Representatives: CHARTRAND of Rockland, GOODWIN of Pembroke, LAYTON of
Cherryfield, PERKINS of Penobscot, PIEH of Bremen, PINKHAM of Lamoine,
SKOGLUND of St. George, Senator: PINGREE of Knox.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6001, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661,
§5, is amended to read:

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8 **6. Coastal waters.** "Coastal waters" means all waters of
the State within the rise and fall of the tide and within the
10 ~~marine limits of the jurisdiction~~ 12 geographic miles seaward
from the coastline of the State, but it does not include areas
above any fishway or dam when the fishway or dam is the dividing
line between tidewater and fresh water.

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SUMMARY

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This bill extends the statutory authority of the State's
marine resources law to apply to all activities that occur within
18 12 geographic miles seaward of Maine's coastline.