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No. 485

S.P. 156

In Senate, January 28, 1997

An Act to Limit the Taking of Sea Urchins.

Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PINGREE of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHARTRAND of Rockland, POWERS of Rockport,
SKOGLUND of St. George, VOLENIK of Brooklin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6749-N, sub-§§1 and 2**, as amended by PL 1995,
c. 595, §2 and affected by §6, are further amended to read:

6 1. **Zone 1.** Zone 1, from May 1st to ~~July-31st~~ August 21st.
For the purposes of this article, "Zone 1" means all coastal
8 waters west of a line beginning at the easternmost point of Fort
Point State Park on Cape Jellison then running southwesterly to
10 channel marker #1 south of Sears Island, then running
southwesterly to channel marker BW "11" located between
12 Marshall's Point and Bayside in the Town of Northport, then
running southwesterly to channel marker #9 east of Great Spruce
14 Head located in the Town of Northport, then running southerly to
Graves channel marker northeast of the Town of Camden, then
16 running southeasterly to the Penobscot Bay Buoy east of Rockland
harbor, then running southerly to the TBl whistle southwest of
18 Junken Ledge, then running southeasterly to Red Nun #10 buoy at
Foster Ledges, then running due south magnetic to the boundary of
20 the State's coastal waters; and

22 2. **Zone 2.** Zone 2, from May 1st to ~~July-31st~~ August 21st.
For the purpose of this article, "Zone 2" means all coastal
24 waters east of that line established in subsection 1, including
all coastal waters of the Penobscot River north of Fort Point
26 State Park.

28 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6749-AA** is enacted to read:

30 **§6749-AA. Limit on daily harvest**

32 It is unlawful for a person to harvest per day a volume of
34 sea urchins greater than 12 standard totes.

36 **Summary**

38 This bill limits the amount of sea urchins a person may
harvest to 12 standard totes per day. It also shortens the sea
urchin season by 20 days. The provisions of this bill will be
40 repealed January 1, 1999 along with a variety of existing
statutory emergency measures regarding sea urchin harvesting.