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House of Representatives, February 6, 1997

An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Sea Urchin Licenses.

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

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SKOGLUND of St. George. Cosponsored by Representatives: PIEH of Bremen, SIROIS of Caribou.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6749-O, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1995, c. 595, §3, is further amended to read:

1. Handfishing and dragging licenses. Except as provided in subsections 3 and 4, the commissioner may not issue a handfishing sea urchin license or a sea urchin dragging license for calendar year 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997 or 1998 to any person unless that person possessed that either a handfishing sea urchin license or a sea urchin dragging license in the previous calendar year. A person may not hold both a handfishing sea urchin license and sea urchin dragging license in a calendar year unless that person held both licenses in calendar year 1993.

SUMMARY

This bill permits limited entry sea urchin harvesters to hold either a handfishing license or a dragging license. It prohibits a sea urchin harvester from holding both licenses in one calendar year unless that harvester held both licenses in 1993. The limited entry provisions of the sea urchin laws began with the 1994 calendar year.