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H.P. 280

House of Representatives, January 14, 1999

**An Act to Prohibit the Dragging for Mussels in Portions of Hancock
County and Washington County for Certain Times of the Year.**

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 PINKHAM of Lamoine.
Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock and
Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, HONEY of Boothbay, JOY of Crystal, STEDMAN
of Hartland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6959** is enacted to read:

6 **§6959. Mussel dragging in certain Hancock County and Washington
County waters**

8 **1. Prohibition.** It is unlawful between April 1st and
10 **October 31st, both days inclusive, for a person to drag for
12 mussels or to spread mussels landward of a line beginning at the
14 southern tip of Bois Bubert Island in the town of Milbridge,
16 Washington County; thence southwesterly to Petit Manan Point;
18 thence from a point on the west shore of Petit Manan Point, a
20 line westerly to the southernmost point of The Castle; thence to
22 the southernmost point of Eastern Island in the town of Steuben,
Washington County; thence to the southernmost point of Sally
Island, Hancock County; thence to the southernmost point of Outer
Bar Island; thence to the southernmost point of Cranberry Point
in the town of Corea, Hancock County; thence southwesterly to
Little Moose Island in the town of Winter Harbor; thence
southwesterly to Otter Point on Mount Desert Island, Hancock
County.**

24 **2. Exception.** This section does not apply to a person who
26 holds an aquaculture lease under section 6072 for the purpose of
growing or harvesting mussels within the area described in
subsection 1.

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30 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill prohibits a person from dragging for mussels from
34 April 1st to October 31st in certain waters in Hancock County and
Washington County. It exempts from this prohibition people who
36 possess aquaculture leases to grow or harvest mussels in those
waters.