

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

No. 805

S.P. 287

In Senate, January 28, 1999

### **An Act to Close Certain Areas to the Harvesting of Herring.**

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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 HARRIMAN of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative SAXL of Portland and  
Representative: HONEY of Boothbay.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6573 is enacted to read:**

6 **§6573. Closure of herring spawning areas**

8 **1. Identification of areas. The commissioner shall by rule identify the location of all coastal waters that serve as spawning areas for herring. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as provided in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.**

12 **2. Closure. A person may not fish for or take herring between August 15th and September 28th from any area identified under subsection 1 as a herring spawning area.**

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18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill requires the Commissioner of Marine Resources to  
22 identify the location of all coastal waters that serve as  
24 spawning areas for herring. It also closes those areas to the  
harvest of herring from August 15th to September 28th.