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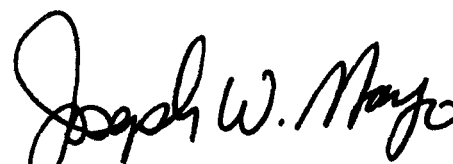
No. 843

H.P. 603

House of Representatives, February 2, 1999

An Act to Regulate Anchors Used in Elver Fishing.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Union.

Cosponsored by Representatives: POWERS of Rockport, SKOGLUND of St. George.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA§6505-B, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

6 **2-A. Anchor tags.** It is unlawful for a person to submerge
8 an elver fyke net or Sheldon eel trap in the coastal waters of
10 the State unless that person attaches a tag on each anchor that
12 is used to secure the elver fyke net or trap to the bottom of a
14 river, brook or stream. The tag must include the person's name
16 and elver fishing license number.

18 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6575-B, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

20 **6. Removal of fyke net anchors.** A person who uses an
22 anchor to secure an elver fyke net to the bottom of a river,
24 brook or stream must remove that anchor at the time that person
26 removes the elver fyke net.

SUMMARY

22 This bill requires that a person attach a tag to each anchor
24 used on the elver fyke nets. The tag must include the person's
26 name and elver fishing license number. The bill also requires
 that elver fyke net anchors be removed from rivers, streams and
 brooks when the elver fyke net is removed.