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## An Act to Clarify Minimum Size Standards for Marine Species under Aquaculture.

Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell. Cosponsored by Representatives: HONEY of Boothbay, VOLENIK of Brooklin.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6073-A, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 381, §5,
4	is amended to read:
6	§6073-A. Minimum size exemption; aquaculture
8	The holder of a lease issued under section 6072 <u>, 6072-A or</u> <u>6072-B</u> is exempt from any requirement regarding the minimum or
10	maximum length or other minimum or maximum size requirement for finfish any marine organism cultivated on the leased area. The
12	exemption applies only to those organisms actually cultivated on the leased area. The commissioner shall require a system of
14	identification of organisms exempted under this section.
16	Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6074, sub-§1, $\P$ A, as repealed and replaced by PL 1983, c. 662, §2, is repealed.
18	Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6074, sub-§1, ¶B is enacted to read:
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22	B. Any species grown in a hatchery for stock enhancement or resale for purposes of cultivation or stock enhancement.
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26	SUMMARY
28	This bill expands the exemption for the possession of an organism grown on aquaculture lease sites that is less than the
30	minimum or more than maximum size allowed from finfish only to any marine organism approved for growing on a lease site.
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34	This bill also provides that a special license may be approved for any marine species grown in a hatchery for stock enhancement or resale for purposes of cultivation or stock
36	enhancement that is less than the minimum size.