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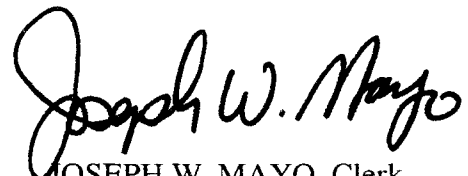
No. 1485

H.P. 1054

House of Representatives, February 23, 1999

An Act Regarding Aquaculture Leases in Salt Pond in Hancock County.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6072, sub-§7-C is enacted to read:**

6 **7-C. Salt Pond in Hancock County.** Notwithstanding any
other provision of this section, the following limitations on
aquaculture leases in an estuary of Blue Hill Bay in Hancock
County known as Salt Pond are as follows:

10 A. The total area that may be leased may not exceed 8% of
the total surface area of Salt Pond, measured at mean high
12 tide;

14 B. A performance bond of \$20,000 and an annual lease fee of
\$2000 are required for each aquaculture lease in Salt Pond;
16 and

18 C. An aquaculture lease in Salt Pond may not be approved
for a new or foreign species of fish unless those fish are
20 quarantined for one year prior to introduction and the
commissioner certifies that the fish meet all applicable
22 state fish health rules.

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill establishes aquaculture lease standards for Salt
28 Pond in Hancock County. The bill limits aquaculture leases to not
more than 8% of the surface area of Salt Pond, requires a
30 performance bond of \$20,000 and an annual lease fee of \$2000 for
each aquaculture lease in Salt Pond and prohibits leases for new
32 or foreign species of fish unless those fish are quarantined for
one year prior to introduction and the commissioner certifies
34 that the fish meet all applicable state fish health rules.