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## 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1684

House of Representatives, January 5, 2000

An Act Concerning the Possession of Marine Organisms by Aquaculturists Outside of the Harvest Season.

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

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell. Cosponsored by Representative HONEY of Boothbay.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6073-A, as amended by PL 1999, c. 156, §1,
4	is further amended to read:
6	§6073-A. Season and minimum size exemption; aquaculture
8	The holder of a lease issued under section 6072, 6072-A or 6072-B is exempt from any requirement regarding the season,
10	minimum or maximum length or other minimum or maximum size requirement for any marine organism cultivated on the leased
12	area. The exemption applies only to those organisms actually cultivated on the leased area. The commissioner shall require a
14	system of identification of organisms exempted under this section.
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18	SUMMARY
20	This bill exempts an aquaculture leaseholder from any requirement that a particular marine organism not be harvested or
22	otherwise possessed during a closed season.

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