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House of Representatives, February 23, 2000

An Act Regarding Waiting Lists for Limited-entry Lobster Management Zones.

Reported by Representative ETNIER for the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources pursuant to Public Law 1999, chapter 397, section 7.

Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 218.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

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

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6448, sub-§§5 and 6, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 508, §3, are amended to read:

6 5. Application for limited-entry zone. A person who wishes to declare-a-limited-entry-zone-ac-that-person's -declared-lebster zone <u>be a new zone entrant</u> shall indicate on--that--person's 8 application-for-a-Class-I,-Class-II-or-Class-III-lobster-and-crab 10 fishing--license-between--October-15th--and-December--15th--of--the previews-lieensing-year to the commissioner in writing a request to declare that a limited-entry zone as the person's declared 12 lobster zone, in accordance with this subsection. A person may 14 indicate up to 2 limited-entry zones that the person requests to declare as the person's declared lobster zone. The commissioner shall stamp each lebster-and-crab-fishing-license-application 16 that-contains-such-a request with the time and date of submission. 18

A. A person who holds a Class I, Class II or Class III20lobster and crab fishing license and wishes to be a new zone
entrant shall indicate to the commissioner in writing by22December 15th of the previous licensing year a request to
declare a limited-entry zone as the person's declared
lobster zone.

B. A person who does not hold a Class I, Class II or Class 26 III lobster and crab fishing license and wishes to be a new 28 zone entrant must be eligible for a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license pursuant to 30 section 6421, subsection 5 by December 15th of the previous licensing year. The date upon which that person becomes eligible for a Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and 32 crab fishing license as determined by the commissioner is 34 the date of that person's request to declare a limited-entry zone as that person's declared zone for the purposes of this section. 36

6. Chronological waiting list. The commissioner shall maintain and make available a waiting list in-chronological-order
of people who have requested to declare a limited-entry zone as their declared lobster zone in chronological order by the date of
request according to subsection 5.

SUMMARY

This bill implements one of the recommendations of the 48 Lobster Advisory Council relating to limiting effort in the lobster fishery. The bill clarifies the procedure for a person 50 to request to declare a limited-entry zone as that person's declared lobster zone. It specifies that a person who holds a
Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license shall indicate that person's request to the Commissioner of
Marine Resources in writing by December 15th of the previous licensing year and that a person who does not hold a license must
be eligible for a license by December 15th of the previous licensing year. The date of eligibility for a license becomes
the date of that person's request to declare a limited-entry zone for purposes of the chronological waiting list maintained by the commissioner.