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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 111, L.D. 115, Bill, "An Act to Change the Noncommercial Scallop Diving Season"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6722, as amended by PL 1999, c. 94, §1, is further amended to read:

§6722. Closed areas

Unless modified by regulation adopted under section 6171-A, it is unlawful to fish for or take scallops in the coastal territorial waters from April 16th to November 30th, both days inclusive; except that, for persons taking scallops by hand pursuant to a license issued under section 6703, it is not unlawful to take scallops in the coastal waters from November 1st to November 15th. The following limitations apply to scallops taken from coastal waters from November 1st to November 15th as allowed under this section.

1. Size. Scallops taken from coastal waters from November 1st to November 15th may not measure less than 4 1/2 inches in diameter.

2. Quantity. In any one day, from November 1st to November 15th, a license holder taking scallops by hand may not take or possess more than one bushel of shell scallops or 2 quarts of shucked scallops.'

2 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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8 The additional enforcement costs can be absorbed by the
Department of Marine Resources utilizing existing budgeted
resources.'

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SUMMARY

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16 This amendment replaces the original bill. The amendment
provides that noncommercial scallop divers may, in addition to
taking scallops from December 1st to April 15th, take scallops
from November 1st to November 15th. During the period November
18 1st to November 15th, scallops taken may not measure less than 4
1/2 inches and a person taking scallops may not take more than
20 one bushel of shell scallops or 2 quarts of shucked scallops in
any one day. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.