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H.P. 334

House of Representatives, February 1, 2001

An Act to Restrict Atlantic Halibut Fishing in State Waters.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative HONEY of Boothbay.
Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and
Representatives: CHICK of Lebanon, PINKHAM of Lamoine, Speaker SAXL of Portland,
USHER of Westbrook.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6001, sub-§1-B** is enacted to read:

6 1-B. Atlantic halibut. "Atlantic halibut" means the species hippoglossus, commonly called Atlantic halibut.

8 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6557** is enacted to read:

10 §6557. Atlantic halibut; limits

12 1. Minimum length. A person may not take or possess Atlantic halibut that are less than 36 inches in length.

14 2. Bag limit. A person may not take more than one Atlantic halibut in any one day.

18 3. Penalty. A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill sets restrictions on the taking and possessing of
26 Atlantic halibut. It prohibits the taking or possessing of
28 Atlantic halibut that are less than 36 inches in length and sets
30 a limit on the number of Atlantic halibut that may be taken in
any one day. A violation of the limits is a civil violation with
a penalty of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.