

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 834

H.P. 634

House of Representatives, February 15, 2001

**An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Fishing Near Floating  
Equipment.**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach. (By Request)

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

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**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6957, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 169, §2, is further amended to read:

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**1. Prohibition.** A person may not operate a vessel using drags, otter trawls, pair trawls, beam trawls, scottish seines or midwater trawls to fish for or take finfish, shellfish, sea urchins or any other marine organisms within 300 feet of any suspended culture floating cages, tray racks or other floating equipment authorized in a an aquaculture lease ~~issued by the commissioner under section 6072~~, if the equipment is marked in accordance with subsection 1-A.

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### SUMMARY

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This bill extends the prohibition against fishing near floating aquaculture equipment to all such equipment authorized in any aquaculture lease.