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H.P. 1035

House of Representatives, March 5, 2001

An Act to Set the Mussel Size Limit.

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 Representative BAGLEY of Machias and
Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DUGAY of Cherryfield, GOODWIN of
Pembroke, McNEIL of Rockland, PINKHAM of Lamoine.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6747-A is enacted to read:**

6 **§6747-A. Mussels; minimum size**

8 1. Minimum size. It is unlawful to take, possess, ship,
10 transport, buy or sell mussels that are less than 2 inches in the
12 longest diameter.

14 2. Tolerance of 10%. A person may possess, ship,
16 transport, buy or sell mussels that are less than 2 inches if
18 they comprise less than 10% of a bulk pile. The 10% tolerance
20 must be determined by a numerical count of not less than one peck
22 nor more than 5 pecks chosen at random from various parts of the
bulk pile. If the lot is less than one peck, the entire lot must
be counted.

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill sets the size limit of a mussel at 2 inches. The
size limit may be less with a tolerance limit.