

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 1, 2005

### An Act To Amend Laws Governing the Setting of the Sea Urchin Harvesting Season

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative EMERY of Cutler.  
Cosponsored by Senator RAYE of Washington and  
Representatives: BIERMAN of Sorrento, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, DUGAY of Cherryfield,  
McFADDEN of Dennysville, MOORE of Standish, MOULTON of York, PERRY of Calais,  
TARDY of Newport.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6749**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2001,  
c. 327, §8, is amended to read:

6 **§6749. Sea urchin harvesting season and open days**

8 **1. Closed season.** It is unlawful for a person to fish for  
or take sea urchins from ~~May 1st~~ April 16th to August 31st.

10 **2. Open days.** The commissioner, in consultation with the  
12 Sea Urchin Zone Council under section 6749-X, shall establish by  
rule, ~~within that area designated Zone 1 and that area designated~~  
14 ~~as Zone 2 under section 6749-N, the open days for those zones~~  
16 ~~during which a person may fish for or take sea urchins~~ 94 open  
18 days during the sea urchin harvesting season during which a  
20 person may fish for or take sea urchins, except that until April  
15, 2007, the commissioner, in consultation with the Sea Urchin  
Zone Council, shall establish 40 open days within that area  
designated Zone 1 under section 6749-N and 64 open days within  
that area designated Zone 2 under section 6749-N. Rules may  
specify the open days for gear type and may further define more  
than one time period. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection  
are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,  
subchapter ~~II~~-A 2-A.

26 **3. Prohibition.** It is unlawful for a person to possess  
28 aboard a vessel, fish for or take sea urchins on any day not  
designated as open to sea urchin harvesting under this section.

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32 **SUMMARY**

34 This bill amends the laws governing the setting of the sea  
urchin harvesting season.