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No. 536

S.P. 162

In Senate, February 1, 2005

An Act To Create a Scallop Spat License

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAMON of Hancock.

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

4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6701-A is enacted to read:

6 **§6701-A. Scallop spat license**

8 **1. License required.** A person may not engage in the
10 activities authorized under this section without a current
scallop spat license or other license issued under this Part
authorizing the activities.

12 **2. Licensed activities.** The holder of a scallop spat
14 license may harvest, possess, ship, transport or sell scallop
spat. Notwithstanding section 6721-A, a person who holds a valid
16 scallop spat license may possess, ship or transport undersize
scallops raised from scallop spat harvested pursuant to this
18 permit.

20 **3. Fee.** The fee for a scallop spat license is \$111.

22 **4. Violation.** A person who violates this section commits
24 a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$100
nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill creates a scallop spat harvesting license that
allows the licensee to harvest, possess, ship, transport or sell
30 scallop spat. The bill also permits a licensee to possess
undersize scallops raised from scallop spat harvested pursuant to
32 a scallop spat license.