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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 576

S.P. 185

In Senate, February 3, 2005

### **An Act To Continue the Ban on Dragging in the Taunton River Area**

(EMERGENCY)

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Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
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.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, EDER of Portland.

2           **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

4           **Whereas,** current law provides for a ban on dragging in the  
6 Taunton River area; and

8           **Whereas,** the ban is scheduled to expire on March 1, 2005; and

10          **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
12 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
14 safety; now, therefore,

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

18           **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6959,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 272, §18, is  
further amended to read:

20          **§6959. Dragging in Taunton River area**

22           It is unlawful for a person to fish with any drag or  
24 combination of drags in the territorial waters westerly and  
northerly of the Route 1 bridge that connects the towns of  
26 Hancock and Sullivan in Hancock County, including Egypt Bay,  
Taunton Bay and Hog Bay. This section is repealed March 1, 2005  
28 2010.

30           **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

34   **SUMMARY**

36           This bill extends the ban on dragging in the Taunton River  
area from March 1, 2005 until March 1, 2010.