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An Act To Make Marine Resources Management More Responsive

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 18, 2007. Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAMON of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative EATON of Sullivan and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MAZUREK of Rockland, PERCY of Phippsburg, WHEELER of Kittery.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6171, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 157, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **5. Rules to limit taking of marine organisms.** The commissioner may adopt rules
5 that limit the taking of a marine organism for the purpose of protecting another marine
6 organism. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are ~~major substantive rules pursuant~~
7 ~~to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, except that rules adopted regarding the resource~~
8 ~~management plan of Taunton Bay~~ are routine technical rules pursuant to as defined in
9 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill changes all the rules that are adopted to limit the taking of a marine
12 organism for the purpose of protecting another marine organism from major substantive
13 rules to routine technical rules in order to allow the Department of Marine Resources to
14 respond more effectively to fisheries management needs.