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An Act To Make Clam Flat Status Notification More Efficient, Costeffective and Economically Beneficial to the Shellfish Industry

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

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

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Presented by Representative WEBSTER of Freeport.

Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and

Representatives: Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, EATON of Sullivan, GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, MAZUREK of Rockland, McDONOUGH of Scarborough, PERCY of Phippsburg, RECTOR of Thomaston, SMITH of Monmouth, Senators: DAMON of Hancock, DOW of Lincoln.

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

2 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6621, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

3 <u>1-A. Closure status notification. Notwithstanding any rule, the department shall</u>
4 list information concerning any area opened or closed pursuant to this section on the
5 shellfish sanitation hotline provided by the department and on the department's publicly
6 accessible website.

Sec. 2. Change of public publication. The Department of Marine Resources shall by rule change its system of notification of opening and closure of clam flats from notification by newspaper to notification by the shellfish sanitation hotline and the department's publicly accessible website. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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SUMMARY

This bill makes the shellfish sanitation hotline and the Department of Marine Resources' website the means by which the department notifies shellfish harvesters of the opening and closing of clam flats. It also directs the department to change its rule and no longer use newspaper publication as the method of notification.