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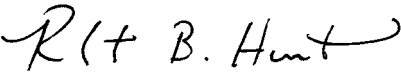
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H.P. 480

House of Representatives, February 16, 2023

An Act to Regulate Oyster Seed

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


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DAVIS of East Machias, STROUT of Harrington, THORNE of Carmel, Senator: MOORE of Washington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6863-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§6863-A. Oyster seed; restrictions**

4 A holder of a lease or license under section 6072, 6072-A, 6072-B, 6072-C or 6863
5 that authorizes the culture of oysters may grow oysters only from triploid oyster seed.

6 For the purposes of this section, "triploid oyster seed" refers to oyster seed that yields
7 sterile oysters that do not reproduce.

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SUMMARY

9 This bill restricts oyster farmers operating under a lease or license issued by the
10 Department of Marine Resources to growing oysters only from seed that yields sterile
11 oysters that do not reproduce.