

SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 294

House of Representatives, Feb. 13, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence. W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Welch of Machiasport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

AN ACT amending Chapter 121 of the Private and Special Laws of 1915 establishing a closed time on lobsters in Machias Bay and adjacent waters in the county of Washington.

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

Section 1 of Chapter 121 of the Private and Special Laws 2 of 1915 is hereby amended by striking out therefrom the 3 following words: "Thence to the nearest point of the main-4 land in the town of Cutler; thence following the line of 5 said mainland to the point thereof nearest the island known 6 as The Spindle near the entrance of Cross Island Narrows;

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7 thence to The Spindle and continuing in a direct line to 8 the easternmost point of the island known as Double Head 9 Shots and continuing thence due south for a distance of 10 three miles;" and inserting therein in place thereof the fol-11 lowing words: 'Thence running south-southwest two and 12 three fourths $(2\frac{3}{4})$ miles; thence south-southeast one-half 13 $(\frac{1}{2})$ mile; thence south by west three-fourths $(\frac{3}{4})$ west to 14 the three-mile limit; thence by said three-mile limit to a 15 point three (3) miles due south from the easternmost point 16 of Camp Island, otherwise known as The Brothers;' so that 17 said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section I. No person shall take, catch, kill, or destroy 2 any lobsters between the first day of July and the thirty-3 first day of August, both inclusive, in each year, in any of 4 the waters of Machias bay, or waters adjacent thereto, be-5 tween the following described lines, to wit: the easterly 6 line beginning at a point where the dividing line between 7 the towns of Machiasport and Whiting strikes the shore of 8 Holmes bay, and continuing on said dividing line to Town-9 ship rock, so-called, in said Holmes bay; thence running 10 south-southwest two and three-fourths $(2\frac{3}{4})$ miles; thence II south-southeast one-half $(\frac{1}{2})$ mile; thence south by west 12 three-fourths $\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)$ west to the three-mile limit; thence by 13 said three-mile limit to a point three (3) miles due south 14 from the easternmost point of Camp Island, otherwise 15 known as The Brothers; the westerly line beginning at Fan 16 Island at the mouth of Little Kennebec river, and running

17 southerly to Hickey Island; thence southerly to the east-18 ernmost point of Camp Island, otherwise known as The 19 Brothers, and continuing thence due south for a distance 20 of three miles; and no person shall set a trap within said 21 waters for the purpose of taking, catching, killing or de-22 stroying any lobsters between said dates, under a penalty 23 of one dollar for each lobster so taken, caught, killed or 24 destroyed, and under a penalty of five dollars for each lob-25 ster trap so set for said purpose. Provided, however, that 26 this act shall not apply to lobsters confined in cars and not 27 taken or caught by traps set in violation hereof.'