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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
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Unless more restrictive rules are adopted by the ~~commission~~ department, the following restrictions apply to methods of fishing and the season for Atlantic salmon.

Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §6140-A, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. QQ, §8, is amended to read:

4. Open season. ~~The commission, after consultation with and advice from the Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat Advisory Council,~~ department may establish by rule an open season during which a person may fish for Atlantic salmon. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§5-D, ¶B, as amended by PL 2011, c. 266, Pt. A, §5, is further amended to read:

B. Possesses a valid federal lobster permit or a valid lobster fishing license from a state other than this State; ~~and~~

Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§5-D, ¶C, as amended by PL 2011, c. 266, Pt. A, §6, is further amended to read:

C. Except as authorized under subsection 5-E, does not operate a lobster and crab fishing vessel with an established base of operations in this State; ~~and~~

Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §6421, sub-§5-D, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. Has not had that individual's lobster fishing license or right to obtain a lobster fishing license suspended in this State or in another state.

Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §6808, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 186, §1, is amended to read:

1. License required. It is unlawful for a person to engage in the activities authorized by ~~this license under this section~~ subsection 2 without a current commercial green crab only license. This subsection does not apply to a person who holds a current lobster and crab fishing license issued pursuant to section 6421, subsection 1, paragraph A, B, C or E.

Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §6808, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Exemptions. Notwithstanding subsection 1, a license is not required to fish for, take, possess or transport green crabs for personal use if the green crabs are taken by hand or by a method exempted from licensing requirements under section 6501, subsection 3, paragraph A.

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CHAPTER 226
S.P. 492 - L.D. 1557

An Act To Adjust the Staffing and Resources of the Office of the Public Advocate

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §116, sub-§8, ¶B, as amended by PL 1999, c. 259, §3, is further amended to read:

B. The Public Advocate may use the revenues provided in accordance with this section to fund the Public Advocate and ~~9~~ 10 employees and to defray the costs incurred by the Public Advocate pursuant to this Title, including administrative expenses, general expenses, consulting fees and all other reasonable costs incurred to administer this Title.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §1701, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. P, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Salaries of certain employees. The salaries of the following employees of the Public Advocate are within the following salary ranges:

- A. Deputy Public Advocate, salary range 53;
- B. Senior Counsel, salary range 36;
- ~~D. Research Assistant, salary range 30;~~
- E. Business Services Manager, salary range 26; ~~and~~
- F. Special Assistant to the Public Advocate, salary range 20; ~~and~~
- G. Economic Analyst, salary range 36.

The employees listed in this subsection serve at the pleasure of the Public Advocate and are confidential employees. All other employees of the Public Advocate are subject to the Civil Service Law.

The Public Advocate may compensate one or more Senior Counsels at salary range 37 if, in the judgment of the Public Advocate, an increase is necessary to provide competitive salary levels.

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