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CHAPTER 563
S.P. 859 - L.D. 2031

An Act to Make Changes to the
State's Marine Resources Laws

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6078-A, as amended by PL 2013, c. 301, §6, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6305, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2013, c. 468, §9, is further amended to read:

1. **Exhibit on demand.** When any person is engaged in an activity that is licensed under marine resources' laws, that person shall have that license in that person's actual possession ~~and shall, on~~. At the request of a marine patrol officer or other authorized person, the person shall exhibit that person's license.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6305, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 2013, c. 468, §9, is further amended to read:

1-A. **Photo identification.** When a person is engaged in an activity for which a license is required under section 6302-A, subsection 3, paragraph E, E-1, F or G or section 6505-A, that person shall have a government-issued identification card with that person's photograph and date of birth in that person's actual possession ~~and shall, on~~. At the request of a marine patrol officer or other authorized person, the person shall present the government-issued identification card with that person's photograph and date of birth.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6305, sub-§1-B, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 468, §9, is amended to read:

1-B. **Elver transaction card.** When a person is engaged in an activity for which a license is required under section 6302-A, subsection 3, paragraph E, E-1, F or G or section 6505-A, that person shall have the elver transaction card issued by the department under section 6505-A to that person in that person's actual possession ~~and shall, on~~. At the request of a marine patrol officer or other authorized person, the person shall present the elver transaction card.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §6749-Q, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 740, §3, is amended to read:

4. **Wholesale seafood license with a sea urchin buyer's permit.** ~~Five~~ One hundred ~~and sixty~~ dollars on a wholesale seafood license with a sea urchin buyer's permit; and

Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §6803, sub-§2, ¶E, as amended by PL 2001, c. 421, Pt. B, §50 and affected by Pt. C, §1, is further amended to read:

E. Anyone harvesting, possessing, shipping, or transporting ~~or selling~~ seaweed that has detached naturally and is dead.

Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §6808, sub-§4-B is enacted to read:

4-B. Municipal exemption. Notwithstanding subsection 1, a license is not required to fish for, take, possess or transport green crabs if the green crabs are taken by a person acting at the direction of a municipal shellfish management committee, established pursuant to section 6671, subsection 2, for the purpose of municipal shellfish management. Green crabs taken under this exemption may not be sold.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 564
H.P. 1327 - L.D. 2065

An Act to Amend Maine's
Aquaculture Leasing Laws

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6072, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 557, §1, is further amended to read:

1-A. **Lease requirement; finfish and suspension culture.** Except as provided in ~~paragraphs B and B-1 and~~ sections 6072-A, 6072-B and 6072-C, it is unlawful for a person who does not have a lease issued by the commissioner under this section to construct or operate in the coastal waters of the State a facility for the culture of finfish in nets, pens or other enclosures or for the suspended culture of any other marine organism. For the purposes of this subsection, "suspended culture" includes all forms of culture except for the placement of marine organisms on the ocean bottom without the use of gear of any type.

~~B. A person operating a facility in the coastal waters of the State, on or before the effective date of this subsection, for the culture of finfish in nets, pens or other enclosures or for the suspended culture of shellfish that is not leased under this section must register the facility with the commissioner on or before January 1, 1992 on a form specified by the commissioner. A person registering under this paragraph must submit a completed lease application on or before July 1, 1992. A registrant whose application under this paragraph is denied shall immediately cease operations at the facility and remove all related structures from the coastal waters of the State.~~

~~B-1. A person operating a facility in the coastal waters of the State for the suspended culture of a marine organism other than shellfish that is not~~