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H.P. 172

House of Representatives, January 24, 2017

An Act To Establish a Statewide Scallop Harvesting Limit and Extend the Scallop Season

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative ALLEY of Beals.

Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and Representatives: DEVIN of Newcastle, HANINGTON of Lincoln, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, PERRY of Calais, Senator: LANGLEY of Hancock.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6721-B is enacted to read:
3	<u>§6721-B. Scallop harvesting limit</u>
4	A person may not harvest more than 90 pounds of scallops per day.
5 6	Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6722, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 2007, c. 695, Pt. I, §6, is amended to read:
7 8 9	<b>1. Scallop fishing season.</b> Unless modified by rules adopted under section 6171-A, a person may not fish for or take scallops in the territorial waters from April 16th 23rd to November 30th, both days inclusive.
10	SUMMARY
11 12	This bill creates a 90-pound per day, per person harvesting limit on scallops and adds a calendar week to the scallop season.