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An Act To Define the Intertidal Zone for the Management and Enforcement of Shellfish Conservation Ordinances

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6671, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 2007, c. 494, §1, is further amended to read:

A. Within any area of the <u>intertidal zone within the</u> municipality, a shellfish conservation ordinance may:

- (1) Regulate or prohibit the possession of shellfish;
- (2) Fix the amount of shellfish that may be taken;
- (3) Provide for protection from shellfish predators;

(4) Authorize the municipal officials to open and close flats under specified conditions; and

(5) Specify areas of the intertidal zone in which the dragging of mussels may be limited to the degree necessary to support a municipal shellfish conservation program.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6671, as amended by PL 2013, c. 301, §14; c. 468, §31; and c. 517, §1, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

For the purposes of this section, "intertidal zone" means the shores, flats or other land below the high-water mark and above subtidal lands.