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An Act to Conserve Coastal Habitat by Restricting Rockweed Harvesting on Private Property

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

Presented by Representative EATON of Deer Isle.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

   Sec. 1.  12 MRSA §6807-A is enacted to read:

§6807-A. Rockweed harvesting

   A person may not harvest rockweed, as defined in section 6803-C, subsection 1, paragraph B, in the intertidal zone of property owned by another without securing written permission from the owner or the owner's authorized agents to harvest rockweed and having a copy of the written permission in immediate possession. Violation of this section is a Class E crime.

SUMMARY

This bill requires a person harvesting rockweed in the intertidal zone of property owned by another to secure and carry written permission from the owner or the owner's authorized agents to harvest rockweed.