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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Eliminate the 3-trap Limit in the Waters of the State'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6439, as amended by PL 2001, c. 272, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6447, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1999, c. 187, §3, is further amended to read:

5. Council authority. Upon approval in a referendum under subsection 6, a lobster management policy council may propose to the commissioner rules for a zone to place the following limitations on lobster and crab fishing license holders that fish in that zone, ~~provided as long as~~ the proposed limitations are equal to or stricter than the limitations under section 6431-A, ~~6439~~, 6439-A or 6440:

- A. The number of lobster traps fished and the time periods allowed for complying with that number;
- B. The number of lobster traps allowed on a trawl; and
- C. The time of day when lobster fishing may occur.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2011.'

SUMMARY

This amendment eliminates the 3-trap limit in current law. It adds an effective date of January 1, 2011.