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An Act Amending the Trap Limit for the Swans Island Lobster Conservation Area

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the trap limit in the Swans Island Lobster Conservation Area is 550 per individual and Zone B allows 800 traps per individual; and

Whereas, it is necessary that this Act take effect by June 2015 in order to take advantage of the plentiful summer harvest and in order to provide needed support to persons who fish for lobster in the Swans Island Lobster Conservation Area and to the lobster industry; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6482, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 342, §1, is amended to read:

A. An individual registered to obtain Swans Island Lobster Conservation Area trap tags under this section may not place or maintain in the Swans Island Lobster Conservation Area more than ~~550~~600 traps. Each trap must bear the appropriate tag.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

This bill increases the number of traps that an individual registered to obtain Swans Island Lobster Conservation Area trap tags may place or maintain in the Swans Island Lobster Conservation Area from 550 to 600.