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An Act Regarding the Swans Island Lobster Fishing Zone

(EMERGENCY)

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

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Presented by Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle.

1 of Loran lines 9960-W-12493.5 and 9960-X-25758.4, 68°23.9' W. Longitude, 44°03.1' N.
2 Latitude, and the intersection with the 3-nautical-mile line of the territorial waters, as
3 shown on United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric
4 Administration, National Ocean Service, Office of Coast Survey Chart #13312; then
5 southwesterly along the 3-nautical-mile line of the territorial waters approximately 3.5
6 miles to a point where a line drawn southeasterly 165° True from the center of Black
7 Ledges intersects the 3-nautical-mile line of the territorial waters at Loran lines 9960-W-
8 12524.5 and 9960-X-25765.5, 68°28.6' W. Longitude, 44°01.9' N. Latitude; then
9 northwesterly 345° True to the center of Black Ledges; then northwesterly to the most
10 southerly point of Marshall Island; thence along the westerly shore of Marshall Island to
11 the point of beginning.

12 **§6482. Fishing in Swans Island Lobster Conservation Area**

13 **1. Placing and maintaining traps.** A person may not place or maintain any trap for
14 lobsters, or otherwise fish for or take lobsters, within the Swans Island Lobster
15 Conservation Area except in accordance with this section.

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

19 B. A person may not place or maintain a lobster trap in the Swans Island Lobster
20 Conservation Area unless a trap tag designated for use in the Swans Island Lobster
21 Conservation Area is affixed to the trap.

22 **2. Trap tags; eligibility; expiration; suspension.** The commissioner shall issue tags
23 for traps in the Swans Island Lobster Conservation Area in accordance with this
24 subsection. The commissioner shall charge and deposit fees for Swans Island Lobster
25 Conservation Area trap tags in accordance with section 6431-B.

26 A. Trap tags issued for use in the Swans Island Lobster Conservation Area expire
27 after one year as determined by the commissioner by rule.

28 B. Except as provided under paragraph C, the commissioner may not issue Swans
29 Island Lobster Conservation Area trap tags to a person unless that person:

30 (1) Registered with the commissioner to purchase Swans Island Lobster
31 Conservation Area trap tags for the prior season, documents to the commissioner
32 that the person harvested lobsters from the Swans Island Lobster Conservation
33 Area in the prior season and applies to the commissioner during the period
34 between January 1st and May 31st for Swans Island Lobster Conservation Area
35 trap tags; or

36 (2) Registered with the commissioner to purchase Swans Island Lobster
37 Conservation Area trap tags for the prior calendar year, documents to the
38 commissioner that the person did not harvest lobsters from the Swans Island
39 Lobster Conservation Area in the prior season because of an illness or medical
40 condition and applies to the commissioner during the period between January 1st
41 and May 31st for Swans Island Lobster Conservation Area trap tags.

