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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 718, L.D. 1020, Bill, “An Act Regarding the Swans Island Lobster Fishing Zone”

Amend the bill in section 1 in §6482 in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraph B (page 2, lines 28 to 41 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

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

(1) That person's Class I, Class II or Class III lobster and crab fishing license issued in the prior calendar year identified the lobster management zone that includes the Swans Island Lobster Conservation Area as the declared lobster zone, as defined in section 6448, subsection 1, paragraph A, and that person applies to the commissioner during the period between January 1st and May 31st for Swans Island Lobster Conservation Area trap tags; or

(2) That person registered with the commissioner to purchase Swans Island Lobster Conservation Area trap tags for the prior season and applies to the commissioner during the period between January 1st and May 31st for Swans Island Lobster Conservation Area trap tags.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Trap tag eligibility in 2013. A person eligible to take lobsters in the limited-entry zone in which Swans Island is located pursuant to the Department of Marine Resources Rule Chapter 25.90: Swans Island Area Lobster Trap Regulation is deemed to satisfy the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6482, paragraph B.'

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies the eligibility requirements for Swans Island Conservation Area lobster trap tags. It ensures that a person eligible to take lobsters in the limited-entry zone in which Swans Island is located pursuant to the Department of

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1 Marine Resources Rule Chapter 25.90: Swans Island Area Lobster Trap Regulation is
2 eligible to obtain the tags. It also provides that a person who declared the lobster
3 management zone that includes the Swans Island Lobster Conservation Area in the prior
4 calendar year is eligible to obtain Swans Island Lobster Conservation Area trap tags.