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

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6439, as amended by PL 2001, c. 272, §3, is repealed.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

Effective 90 days following adjournment of the 124th
Legislature, Second Regular Session, unless otherwise indicated.