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By Mr. Dolan of Ipswich, petition of John F. Dolan for legislation relative to taking fish by otter trawl in certain coastal waters. Natural Resources.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five.

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO TAKING FISH BY OTTER TRAWL IN CERTAIN COASTAL WATERS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter eighty-  
2 six of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-one, or any other  
3 General Law or Special Act to the contrary, the director of  
4 marine fisheries, with approval of the marine fisheries advisory  
5 commission and the further approval of the commissioner of the  
6 department of natural resources, is authorized to grant, and  
7 revoke for cause, permits to drag for fin fish by beam or otter  
8 trawl for commercial purposes within the following described  
9 area:

10 Beginning at a point on the most southerly Gloucester-Rock-  
11 port marine boundary 2.3 nautical miles from where said bound-  
12 ary line meets the shore; thence 047 degrees true, 1.3 nautical  
13 miles; thence 022 degrees true, 2.43 nautical miles; thence 332.5  
14 degrees true, 2.72 nautical miles; thence 316.5 degrees true,  
15 1.5 nautical miles; thence 301.5 degrees true, to the most north-  
16 erly Gloucester-Rockport marine boundary line; thence along  
17 said boundary line to its intersection with the marine boundary  
18 of the commonwealth; thence along said marine boundary of  
19 the commonwealth to its intersection with the most southerly  
20 Gloucester-Rockport marine boundary line; thence along said  
21 most southerly Gloucester-Rockport marine boundary line to  
22 the point of beginning.

1 SECTION 2. With like approvals, the director, after public  
2 hearing held by the said commission, is hereby authorized to

3 adopt such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary for  
4 conservation purposes relative to the mesh size of the nets, the  
5 species of fin fish, the hours and days during which the area shall  
6 be open and closed to dragging, catch limits, and the fee for such  
7 permit not to exceed two hundred dollars per vessel owned  
8 and registered in the commonwealth and four hundred dollars  
9 per vessel not owned and registered in the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 3. Whoever violates any provision of this act or of  
2 any rule or regulation adopted under authority of this act shall  
3 be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred nor more than  
4 one thousand dollars which shall be in addition to any seizure  
5 proceedings which may be instituted under the provisions of  
6 chapter one hundred and thirty of the General Laws.