

HOUSE No. 4033

By Mr. Morrissey of Quincy (by request), petition of Jens E. Thornton for legislation to further regulate the taking of lobsters and edible crabs from coastal waters of the Commonwealth. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Nine.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE TAKING OF LOBSTERS AND EDIBLE CRABS FROM COASTAL WATERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat
2 its purpose, which is to establish biological safeguards for protect-
3 ing and improving the lobster fishery, therefore it is declared to be
4 an emergency law, necessary for the preservation of the public
5 convenience.

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. There shall be a closed season on taking lobsters
2 during not less than two of the heaviest shedding/ breeding months.

1 SECTION 2. Lobster gauge size shall be increased, at the dis-
2 cretion of the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries, up to a
3 minimum carapace size of three and one-half (3½) inches, measured
4 in the usual way.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 1917

The following is a summary of the work done during the year ending 31st March 1917. The Commission has been busy in the discharge of its duties, and has been able to complete a large amount of work. The following is a summary of the work done during the year ending 31st March 1917.

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