

HOUSE No. 6563

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Costello of Amesbury, for a Bill relative to the conservation and management of the surf clam and ocean quahog fisheries (House, No. 102). June 29.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE SEA CLAM AND OCEAN QUAHOG FISHERIES.

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 52 of chapter 130 of the General Laws is hereby amended
- 2 by adding the following paragraph: —
- 3 For purposes of this section and of section fifty-four, the term
- 4 shell fish shall not include the commercial harvest of those species
- 5 of shellfish known as sea clams (*spilosa solidissima*) and ocean
- 6 quahogs (*artica islandica*); provided, however, that the director
- 7 may authorize the commercial management of sea clams and ocean
- 8 quahogs by regional management of cities and towns, if in his
- 9 opinion regional management will be in the best interests of the
- 10 commonwealth. Regional management shall be based upon a re-
- 11 gional plan developed by the cities and towns concerned and
- 12 approved by the director. The director is authorized to promulgate
- 13 rules and regulations for the development, approval and imple-
- 14 mentation of all regional plans.

