

By Messrs. Dolan of Ipswich, Harrison of Gloucester and MacLean of Fairhaven, petition of John F. Dolan, David E. Harrison and William Q. MacLean, Jr., that the Division of Marine Fisheries in the Department of Natural Resources be authorized to acquire lands and accept funds in trust for the purpose of protecting and improving marine resources. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO ACQUIRE LANDS AND ACCEPT FUNDS IN TRUST FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING AND IMPROVING MARINE RESOURCES.

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 17 of chapter 130 of the General Laws is hereby
- 2 amended by adding a new subsection as follows:—
- 3 (8) With the approval of the commissioner, for the pur-
- 4 pose of protecting and improving marine resources, the
- 5 director may acquire in fee by purchase, gift or devise, or may
- 6 lease, or with the consent of the owners, may control, any
- 7 land with buildings and improvements thereto belonging,
- 8 water or shore or the right to use the same, including the
- 9 right of the public on such land or on or in such water or
- 10 shore, for the proper management and development of the
- 11 marine fisheries of the commonwealth.
- 12 The director, with the approval of the governor and
- 13 council, may receive in trust for the commonwealth any grant
- 14 or devise with buildings and improvements thereto belonging
- 15 or any gift or bequest of personal property for the purpose of
- 16 aiding in the enhancement and protection of any marine
- 17 resources; provided, that, unless approved by the general

18 court, no obligation shall be imposed on the commonwealth
19 to expend in carrying out of any trust more than the income
20 of the trust property, or more than the income and principal
21 thereof if by the terms of the trust the principal may be
22 expended.

23 Any such gift or bequest of money or securities shall be
24 transferred forthwith to the state treasurer, who shall admin-
25 ister it as provided in section sixteen of chapter ten.