

By Mr. Doane, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 842) of Paul V. Doane and Howard C. Cahoon, Jr., for legislation to authorize the Division of Marine Fisheries to have jurisdiction and control over the horseshoe crab, and to prevent municipalities from designating the horseshoe crab as a "predator." Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE STATE'S DIVISIONS OF MARINE FISHERIES TO HAVE JURISDICTION OVER THE HORSESHOE CRAB, AND TO PREVENT MUNICIPALITIES FROM DESIGNATING THE HORSESHOE CRAB AS A "PREDATOR".

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

1 Chapter 130 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 103, the following new
3 section, Section 103A: —

4 "Section 103A. Control and jurisdiction over the limulus
5 polyphemus, the species commonly known as the "Horseshoe
6 Crab", shall vest solely in the hands of Commonwealth's
7 Division of Marine Fisheries. Said Division shall be respon-
8 sible for promulgating rules and regulations governing the
9 protection, taking or catching of Horseshoe crabs in the
10 coastal or tidal waters of the Commonwealth.

11 Any regulation, law or ordinance that presently conveys
12 such authority to a municipality is hereby repealed.

13 In regulating the catching, taking, and/or disposition of
14 said crab, the State shall not designate said crab as a "preda-
15 tor".

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The Constitution of the Corporation

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