

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN

—
H.P. 404 - L.D. 585

**An Act To Require the Development of a Statewide Approach to Seaweed
Management**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6807, as reallocated by RR 1999, c. 1, §19, is amended to read:

§6807. Seaweed harvesting rules

The commissioner may adopt rules regulating the harvest of seaweed on a species-specific basis, including, but not limited to, the total number of licenses that may be issued, the designation of a harvesting season or seasons, the quantity of the resource that may be harvested in a season, areas that may be open or closed to harvest, the designation of sectors, limitations on harvest by sector, establishment of a process for allocation to sectors and gear and techniques that may be used in harvesting. Rules adopted under this section are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter ~~H-A~~ 2-A.

Sec. 2. Statewide fisheries management plan for seaweed. The Commissioner of Marine Resources shall develop a statewide fisheries management plan for seaweed pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6171, subsection 2-A and shall present that plan for review and comment to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources no later than January 31, 2014. After review of the plan, the committee may report out a bill related to the plan to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.