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STATE OF MAINE

DEPARTMENT OF SEA AND SHORE FISHERIES

MEMORANDUM

Date March 29, 1965

To Ronald W. Green, Commissioner

From John F. Anderson, Chief Coastal Warden J.F.A.

Subject L. D. #334 - An Act Limiting Number of Lobster Traps per Person.

This L. D. proposes to limit the number of traps to be set by a lobster catcher. No lobster catcher presently to my knowledge sets off more than 250 traps at one time. Their boats simply are not large enough to transport this many traps. If they were large enough to permit this there is nothing in this L. D. which would prevent them from setting 250 more the following day or 4 hours later. There is no need for this L. D. as written because it just is not being done presently.

The basic concept of this legislative document is to limit the number of traps that any lobster fisherman could fish and 250 traps has been used as a maximum.

We would have enforcement problems with this one. To begin with no warden could prove who set the traps. Frankly a law such as this in my opinion could not be enforced.

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Subject Survey of traps, statewide

1. Number of fishermen who fish more than 250 traps - 760.
2. Number of fishermen who fish more than 350 traps - 452.

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