

50:2-6.2

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 50:2-6.2 (Sea clams--dredging--establish dimensions for dredges)
LAWS 1980 CHAPTER 132
Bill No. 8959
Sponsor(s) Cariero, Foran and Gagliano
Date Introduced Jan. 29, 1980
Committee: Assembly Agriculture and Environment
Senate Natural Resources and Agriculture

Amended during passage ~~Yes~~ No

Date of Passage: Assembly Sept. 22, 1980
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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement	Yes	Yes (Below)
Committee Statement: Assembly	Yes	Yes
Senate	Yes	Yes
Fiscal Note	Yes	No
Veto Message	Yes	No
Message on signing	Yes	Yes

Following were printed:

Reports	Yes	No
Hearings	Yes	No

Sponsor's statement:

This bill requires dredges used in the dredging for sea clams to conform to the dimensions established by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection by regulation. Presently, the dimensions are fixed at 60 inches in length of cutting bar.

Regulations cited:

N.J.A.C. 7:25-8.1

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SENATE, No. 959

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 29, 1980

By Senators CAFIERO, FORAN and GAGLIANO

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture

AN ACT to amend "An act concerning shellfish, regulating the taking of sea clams (*macra solidissima*), providing for licenses, imposing penalties, and supplementing Title 50 of the Revised Statutes," approved July 6, 1950 (P. L. 1950, c. 310).

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 2 of P. L. 1950, c. 310 (C. 50:2-6.2) is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 2. Any such licensed dredging operation shall be limited to the
4 use of a single dredge at a time in any one boat, and such dredge
5 shall **[not exceed 60 inches in length of cutting bar as measured**
6 **from the inside of the upright frames]** *conform to the dimensions*
7 *established by the commissioner by regulation. Notwithstanding*
8 *any other provision of law, the commissioner may adopt regula-*
9 *tions fixing the hours during which dredging will be permitted.*
10 *No such dredging operation shall be permitted at any time between*
11 *June 1 and September 30 in each year, within 1 mile of the ocean*
12 *front mean low watermark, unless changed by emergency order or*
13 *regulation. Unless otherwise provided by regulation, all surf clams*
14 *harvested within the waters of New Jersey (3 nautical miles) shall*
15 *not be taken into another state or the waters thereof until said*
16 *clams have been first landed in New Jersey. It shall be prima facie*
17 *evidence of a violation of this section if a harvest vessel is observed*
18 *by radar or other means leaving the waters of New Jersey and*
19 *entering the waters of another state any time prior to landing.*

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill requires dredges used in the dredging for sea clams to conform to the dimensions established by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection by regulation. Presently, the dimensions are fixed at 60 inches in length of cutting bar.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 959

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 22, 1980

This bill removes the 60" limitation on the cutting edge of dredges used for sea claming.

The committee amended the language of the bill, at the suggestion of the Department of Environmental Protection, to authorize the commissioner to establish the dimensions of the blade by regulation.

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 959

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 11, 1980

This bill requires dredges used in the dredging for sea clams to conform to the dimensions established by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection by regulation. Presently, the dimensions are fixed at 60 inches in length of cutting bar.

This bill provides for more flexibility in State regulation.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

OCTOBER 22, 1980

PATRICK SWEENEY

Governor Brendan Byrne has signed S-959, sponsored by Senator James S. Cafiero (R-Cape May), which requires dredges used in dredging for sea clams to conform to certain dimensions.

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