

50:3-8

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(Delaware Bay Oysters--dates--seeding)

NJSA: 50:3-8

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SENATE: Natural Resources

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ASSEMBLY, No. 2630

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 9, 1995

By Assemblymen COLLINS, STUHLTRAGER, Asselta,
and Gibson

1 AN ACT concerning the taking of seed oysters from the Delaware
2 Bay, and amending R.S.50:3-8 and R.S.50:3-9.

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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the
5 State of New Jersey:

6 1. R.S.50:3-8 is amended to read as follows:

7 50:3-8. Season for taking oysters. Except in that area known
8 as Section "E" as defined in R.S. 50:1-23, no oysters shall be
9 dredged for, caught or taken from any of the lands lying under
10 the tidal waters of the Delaware river, Delaware bay or Maurice
11 river cove, above the southwest line, except from and including
12 [May] April 1 to and including June 30 of each year.

13 (cf: P.L.1981, c.62, s.4)

14 2. R.S.50:3-9 is amended to read as follows:

15 50:3-9. Possession or sale of oysters taken out of season. No
16 person shall possess, sell or offer for sale any oysters caught or
17 taken from any natural oyster bed or ground where oysters
18 naturally spawn and grow under the tidal waters of the Delaware
19 river, Delaware bay or Maurice river cove above the southwest
20 line, except from and including [May] April first to and including
21 June thirtieth of each year.

22 (cf: R.S.50:3-9)

23 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill would provide that the season for the taking of seed
29 oysters from the natural seed beds of the Delaware Bay for
30 transplanting to leased oyster beds shall commence on April 1 of
31 each year. Currently, the season commences on May 1 of each
32 year. Research scientists believe that moving the opening of the
33 seed harvest season up a month would help to combat the effects
34 of Dermo, a parasite that infects and kills oysters. Allowing seed
35 oysters to be transplanted to leased beds for fattening a month
36 earlier than currently permitted would allow the oysters more
37 time to grow before the upswing in oyster mortality from Dermo,
38 which typically occurs in June and July.

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43 Provides that season for Delaware Bay seed oysters shall begin
44 April 1 of each year.

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

ASSEMBLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE, AND
MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2630

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 9, 1995

The Assembly Economic Development, Agriculture, and Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2630.

As reported, this bill would provide that the season for the taking of seed oysters from the natural seed beds of the Delaware Bay for transplanting to leased oyster beds shall commence on April 1 of each year. Currently, the season commences on May 1 of each year. Research scientists believe that moving the opening of the seed harvest season up a month would help to combat the effects of Dermo, a parasite that infects and kills oysters. Allowing seed oysters to be transplanted to leased beds for fattening a month earlier than currently permitted would allow the oysters more time to grow before the upswing in oyster mortality from Dermo, which typically occurs in June and July.

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, TRADE AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2630

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 20, 1995

The Senate Natural Resources, Trade and Economic Development Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 2630.

This bill would provide that the season for the taking of seed oysters from the natural seed beds of the Delaware Bay for transplanting to leased oyster beds shall commence on April 1 of each year. Currently, the season commences on May 1 of each year. Research scientists believe that moving the opening of the seed harvest season up a month would help to combat the effects of Dermo, a parasite that infects and kills oysters. Allowing seed oysters to be transplanted to leased beds for fattening a month earlier than currently permitted would allow the oysters more time to grow before the upswing in oyster mortality from Dermo, which typically occurs in June and July.

This bill is identical to Senate Bill No.1849, which was also reported favorably by the Committee.