

HOUSE No. 814

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick Joseph Kearney

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to open the Massachusetts lobster fishery.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i> | <i>4th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/18/2019</i> |
| <i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i> | <i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Diana DiZoglio</i> | <i>First Essex</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i> | <i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i> | <i>2/1/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Kearney of Scituate, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 814) of Patrick Joseph Kearney and others for legislation to authorize commercial lobster fisherman to fish according to their permit for 12 months a year in state waters. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act to open the Massachusetts lobster fishery.

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

- 1 Notwithstanding any state law to the contrary, the State of Massachusetts Department of
- 2 Marine Fisheries shall allow any person with a commercial Commonwealth lobster permit issued
- 3 to fish according to his/her permit for 12 months a year in state waters as defined by the United
- 4 Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas (UNCLOS).