

HOUSE No. 131

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:
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/7/2025</i>

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By Representative Kearney of Scituate, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 131) of Patrick Joseph Kearney for legislation to authorize commercial lobster fisherman to fish according to their permit for 12 months a year in state waters. Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 837 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

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).