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HOUSE BILL 1236

Short Title: Trawl Net Limitations.

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Sponsors: Representative Mitchell.

Referred to: Environment and Natural Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE STATE'S FISHING INDUSTRY AND MARINE  
RESOURCES BY RESTRICTING TRAWLERS TO TWO TRAWL NETS OF NO  
MORE THAN FIFTY FEET EACH PLUS THE ROPE EXTENSION USED FOR  
EACH NET TO CONNECT THE NET TO THE TRAWL NET DOORS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 14A of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes is amended  
by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 113-169.6. Trawl nets.**

(a) A trawl net and the rope extension to connect to the trawl net doors may be used to take shrimp, shellfish, or fish from a single vessel only as provided by this section. No single vessel may have more than two trawl nets.

(b) The bottom of the trawl net shall not exceed 50 feet. In addition to a trawl net, a person may also have a rope extension to connect the trawl net to the trawl net doors; however the rope extension shall not exceed six feet. The top and bottom lines of the trawl net shall be constructed of rope. The tickler chain shall be no larger than 5/16 inches in diameter. The trawl net doors shall be no larger than 7 feet by 36 inches. No bottom cable shall be used.

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.