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HOUSE BILL **354**

AN ACT relative to the closing of clam, oyster, and other bivalve areas for restoration.

SPONSORS: Rep. Schroadter, Rock 17; Rep. Spang, Straf 6; Rep. Tucker, Rock 23; Rep. Kaen, Straf 5; Sen. Prescott, Dist 23; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Stiles, Dist 24

COMMITTEE: Fish and Game and Marine Resources

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows the executive director of fish and game, after a hearing, to close a clam, oyster, or other bivalve area for the purpose of restoration of the area for a period of not more than 5 years.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

AN ACT relative to the closing of clam, oyster, and other bivalve areas for restoration.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 110:1 New Section; Fish and Game; Taking of Bivalves; Closing for Restoration. Amend RSA
2 211 by inserting after section 63-a the following new section:

3 211:63-b Closing for Restoration. The executive director, after a public hearing, may order a
4 closing of clam, oyster, and other bivalve areas for the purpose of restoration of the area, provided
5 that the closure will not unduly interfere with existing or anticipated commercial or recreational
6 activities. When such closing for restoration is ordered, the order shall be effective immediately
7 without a waiting period and shall continue in effect for a period of not more than 5 years. No more
8 than 50 acres shall be closed at any time.

9 110:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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11 Approved: June 8, 2015

12 Effective Date: August 7, 2015