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5. It furnishes a basis for uniform legislation throughout the lobster-producing section. Being based upon common sense, and in close conformity with the natural history of the lobster and with human scientific experience with food supplies, it commends itself to fishermen and others who know human nature and the lobster in a practical way.

Finally, the proposed law, while fundamentally scientific, is eventually a compromise measure and combines the advantages (1) of a close season throughout the year for a part of the lobsters (i. e., for those productive adults above a size to be agreed upon), and (2) of the size limit, thus meeting the wishes of the believers in both the 10½- and 9-inch laws. It seems to promise effectiveness in meeting existing conditions and in checking the decline. It is adapted for ready enforcement without resort to methods distasteful to officers and people, and at a minimum expense to the state.

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