

STATE OF MAINE

v.

TERRY ROSS

Submitted on Briefs July 22, 2002  
Decided August 19, 2002

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and CLIFFORD, RUDMAN, DANA, ALEXANDER,  
CALKINS, and LEVY, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Terry Ross appeals from a judgment of conviction entered in the Superior Court (Sagadahoc County, *Atwood, J.*), after a jury trial for violation of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6671 (1994 & Supp. 2001), which prohibits the harvesting of shellfish in violation of a municipal ordinance. Contrary to Ross's contentions, the court did not err in refusing to allow the Massachusetts Colonial Ordinance of 1641 to be admitted in evidence and to instruct the jury as to its significance, *State v. Norton*, 335 A.2d 607, 610 (Me. 1975); nor did the court err in refusing to let Ross cross-examine witnesses about their interpretations of various laws. *See Irish v. Gimbel*, 1997 ME 50, ¶ 8, 691 A.2d 664, 669 (jury decides only questions of fact). Ross's conduct was clearly proscribed by the Woolrich Shellfish Ordinance,

*see* Woolrich, Me., Shellfish Conservation Ordinance, VII(a)(4) (March 11, 2001), and 12 M.R.S.A. § 6671 provided explicit penalties for violation of such an ordinance. *See* 12 M.R.S.A. § 6671(10) (1994 & Supp. 2001).

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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