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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO

**AN ACT Concerning the Regulation of
Atlantic Salmon.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, Atlantic salmon are returning to Maine rivers in record numbers; and

Whereas, the number of persons fishing for Atlantic salmon has also increased dramatically, and this fishing pressure may endanger the restoration effort; and

Whereas, when the fishing season opens on May 1st, there will be no controls on taking Atlantic salmon in coastal waters, unless this legislation is enacted as an emergency; and

1 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these
2 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Consti-
3 tution of Maine and require the following legislation as
4 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public
5 peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

6 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

7 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6504 is enacted to read:

8 §6504. Atlantic salmon

9 1. Stamp required. It is unlawful for any person to
10 fish for Atlantic salmon from the areas indicated in subsec-
11 tion 2, or take, possess, ship or transport fish taken from
12 these waters without a current Atlantic salmon stamp de-
13 scribed in section 7152.

14 2. Limit of application. This requirement applies to
15 all inland waters and to the following coastal waters, from
16 the head of tide downstream to the line indicated:

17 A. Sheepscot River, above the Wiscasset-Edgecomb U.S.
18 Route 1 bridge;

19 B. Dennys River, above the upstream side of the U.S.
20 Route 1 bridge;

21 C. Kennebec River, above the upstream side of the
22 Route 197 bridge between Richmond and Dresden;

23 D. East Machias River, above a line extending from
24 Simpson's Wharf due south to the opposite shore on the
25 Rim;

26 E. Machias River, above the upstream side of the Rim
27 Bridge, lower-most bridge on the Machias River;

28 F. Pleasant River, above the upstream side on the main
29 river bridge in Addison;

30 G. Narraguagus River, above the upstream side on the
31 U.S. Route 1A bridge in Milbridge;

32 H. Union River, above a line extending from the south-
33 ern extremity of the Ellsworth city boat launch ramp
34 due west to the opposite shore of the Union River;

35 I. Penobscot River, above the upstream side of the
36 Joshua Chamberlain Bridge in Bangor; and

1 J. Ducktrap River, above the 3 red posts set on the
2 shores approximately 1,000 feet downstream from the
3 U.S. Route 1 bridge.

4 **Sec. 2.** 12 MRSA §6553, sub-§§6 and 7 are enacted to
5 read:

6 6. Bag limit. It is unlawful to take more than one
7 Atlantic salmon in one day from inland waters or coastal
8 waters designated in section 6504.

9 7. Tags. Any Atlantic salmon taken from inland waters
10 or coastal waters designated in section 6504 must be identi-
11 fied with a tag bearing the stamp number of the person who
12 caught the fish. Ten of these tags shall be issued with
13 each Atlantic salmon stamp described in section 7152. It is
14 unlawful for any person to have in his possession an Atlan-
15 tic salmon that has not been so tagged while fishing on
16 inland waters or coastal waters. This subsection is
17 repealed March 1, 1984.

18 **Sec. 3.** 12 MRSA §7152, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1979,
19 c. 420, §1, is amended to read:

20 1. Issuance. The commissioner shall issue, in the
21 form of a stamp, an Atlantic salmon permit to fish for
22 Atlantic salmon in inland waters and coastal waters desig-
23 ned in section 6504.

24 **Sec. 4.** 12 MRSA §7152, sub-§3, ¶¶A and B, as enacted
25 by PL 1979, c. 420, §1, are amended to read:

26 A. The fee for an Atlantic salmon permit shall be \$1
27 \$4 for any resident 16 years of age or older.

28 B. The fee for an Atlantic salmon permit shall be \$15
29 \$30 for any nonresident 16 years of age or older.

30 **Sec. 5.** 12 MRSA §7152, sub-§§4 and 5, as enacted by PL
31 1979, c. 420, §1, are amended to read:

32 4. Use of permit fees. All The first \$10,000 of pro-
33 ceeds, ~~except for necessary expenses for issuing,~~ from
34 permit fees shall be paid to the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon
35 Commission for the purposes of developing the Atlantic Sea
36 Run Salmon Restoration Program. The balance of the pro-
37 ceeds, less necessary expenses for issuing, shall be appor-
38 tioned between the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wild-
39 life and the Department of Marine Resources for the enforce-
40 ment of Atlantic salmon fishing regulations.

