

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 54

In Senate, Feb. 1, 1911.

Laid on table for printing on motion by Mr. Mayo of Hancock pending reference to a committee.

W. C. HANSON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND ELEVEN.

AN ACT for the better protection of the herring fishery.

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

Section 1. The catching, fishing for or taking of herring
2 in the waters of this state, except by the use of permanent
3 weirs or traps, is hereby prohibited, under a penalty of
4 two dollars for every bushel of fish so unlawfully taken,
5 to be recovered by complaint or action of debt for the use
6 of the State; provided, however, that fishermen may take
7 for bait by use of dip nets, not exceeding fifteen bushels of
8 herring in any one day; but shall not so fish or other-
9 wise interfere with fish within a distance of fifteen hundred
10 feet of any permanent weir or trap.

Sect. 2. A permanent weir or trap within the meaning
2 of this act shall be construed to mean a weir or trap similar
3 to those now in common use in the tide waters of this state,
4 consisting of not less than one hundred stakes permanently
5 driven or ballasted, with at least one row of ribbons around
6 the same and filled around with brush, twine or other
7 material.

Sect. 3. The owner or person in charge of any perman-
2 ent weir or trap may use seines and nets within such weir
3 or trap.

Sect. 4. In addition to the penalty provided in section
2 one, all seines and gear used in violation of the provisions
3 of said section shall be forfeited and destroyed.

Sect. 5. Municipal and police courts and trail justices
2 shall have jurisdiction of all offenses under this act.

Sect. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this
2 act are hereby repealed.