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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to the Digging of Marine Worms in Bremen, Damariscotta, Bristol, South Bristol and Waldoboro.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the legislature become effective 90 days after adjournment; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary to conserve the flats in Bremen, Damariscotta, Bristol, South Bristol and Waldoboro; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create and emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Digging of marine worms in the towns of Bremen, Damariscotta, Bristol, South Bristol and Waldoboro. No person shall dig or take marine worms within the limits of the towns of Bremen, Damariscotta, Bristol, South Bristol and Waldoboro, all in the county of Lincoln, unless he has been a resident of one of these respective towns for at least 6 months, with the following exception. A person may dig or take up to 50 marine worms in a given day for his own use as bait.

Sec. 2. Resident dealers' licenses required; definition. No person, firm

or corporation shall buy marine worms within the limits of the towns of Bremen, Damariscotta, Bristol, South Bristol and Waldoboro unless he is a resident dealer of one of these respective towns and obtains a resident dealer's license from the municipal officers of the town of his residence who are authorized to issue such license and fix the fee therefor. Provided further, that any dealer's license issued through error, misrepresentation or misstatement shall be void and shall be surrendered on demand of the municipal officers of the town issuing such license.

Sec. 3. Penalty. Any person who digs or takes marine worms contrary to the provisions of this act or obtains a dealer's license through fraud, misstatement or misrepresentation shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10, nor more than \$100 and costs, or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.