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FISHING REGULATIONS

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§ 2551. Closing certain areas to fishing

No person shall fish within 150 feet of any dam in which a fishway is located. Except at Upper Dam in Richardsontown (T4 R1) at the outlet of Mooselookmeguntic Lake in Oxford County, at Middle Dam in T C at the outlet of Lower Richardson Lake in Oxford County and at East Outlet Dam in Sapling (T1 R7) in Somerset County and in Big Squaw Mountain in Piscataquis County at the outlet of Moosehead Lake, the fishway and the area within 50 feet of any part of these fishways shall be closed to fishing at all times. This section shall not include the taking of alewives and smelts in the manner provided under the laws regulating sea and shore fisheries.

All pools of state fish hatcheries and rearing stations and all waters within 200 feet of such hatchery and rearing station pools shall be closed to all fishing.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 42; 1955, c. 290, § 8; 1957, c. 444; 1959, c. 333, § 4.

§ 2552. Open season

The following shall be the open seasons for fishing in the State, except as changed by rules and regulations of the department, and the opening and closing dates in all instances are inclusive. That part of any calendar year falling outside of the open season shall be expressly declared to be a closed season:

1. All fish except black bass in lakes and ponds, brooks and streams. The open season for all fish, except black bass, in waters or portions of waters naturally free of ice in lakes and ponds, shall be from April 1st to September 30th. On brooks and streams, the open season for all fish shall be from the last Saturday in April to August 15th. In rivers the open season for all fish shall be from the last Saturday in April to September 15th.

1955, c. 133; 1957, c. 392, § 8; 1961, c. 224; 1963, c. 74, § 1.

2. Black bass in lakes, ponds and rivers. There shall be an open season for black bass in lakes and ponds from June 21st to September 30th; in rivers above tidewater from June 21st to September 15th; in brooks and streams from June 21st to August 15th. Three black bass per day on single-pointed hooked artificial lures only may be taken from June 1st to June 20th and no person shall have in his possession at any one time more than 3 black bass during this period.

1955, c. 33; 1957, c. 392, § 8.

3. All fish except black bass in rivers. There shall be an open season for all fish except black bass in all the rivers above tidewater in waters free of ice from April 1st until September 15th.

1955, c. 133; 1957, c. 392, § 8.

4. All fish except black bass in brooks and streams. There shall be an open season for all fish except black bass in brooks and streams in waters free of ice from April 1st until August 15th, except that portion of Fish River between Fish River Lake and Round Pond in T. 14, R. 8, Aroostook County, shall be open to fishing until September 30th.

1955, c. 133; 1957, c. 392, § 8; 1963, c. 136.

5. Smelts. It shall be lawful to take smelts in accordance with section 2704 at any time in waters where the taking of smelts is not prohibited by rules and regulations of the commissioner.

1957, c. 68.

6. Black bass. In any waters where the bag limit on black bass has been removed by rule and regulation of the commissioner, the season on black bass and the method of fishing for them shall be the same as for trout and salmon. (1961, c. 195.)

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 44; 1955, cc. 33, 133; 1957, c. 68; c. 392, § 8; 1961, cc. 195, 220, 224; 1963, cc. 74, 136.

§ 2553. Size, weight and number

No person shall take, catch, kill or have in possession more than 12 fish of the salmon, trout, togue or black bass species during any one day of any open season, from any or all of the inland waters of the State except in the County of Aroostook and except as provided for by rules and regulations of the department under section 1960. No person shall take, catch, kill or have in possession more than 15 fish of the salmon, trout, togue or black bass species during any one day of any open season, from any or all of the inland waters of Aroostook County except as provided for by rules and regulations of the department under section 1960.

No person shall take, catch or kill in any one day or have in possession at any time more than 7½ pounds in the aggregate of the trout, salmon, togue and black bass species unless the last fish caught increases the combined weight to more than 7½ pounds.

No person shall take, kill or have in possession more than 25 white perch taken from the waters of Kennebec and Somerset Counties and Boyd Lake in Piscataquis County except as provided by rules and regulations of the department under section 1960.

No person shall have in his possession at any time, except as provided by rules and regulations of the department under section 1960:

1. Salmon or togue. A salmon or togue less than 14 inches in length except that the length limit on salmon taken from any of the waters in Aroostook County shall be 12 inches;

1963, c. 71.

Director's note: This subsection pertaining to the length limit on salmon in Aroostook County shall remain in effect only until October 1, 1965.

2. Trout. A trout less than 6 inches in length;

3. Black bass. A black bass less than 10 inches in length.

Whenever any waters have a special bag limit, no person shall have in possession more than one day's bag limit taken from those waters.

No person shall have in his possession any salmon, trout, togue or black bass with the heads detached therefrom unless such fish are being prepared for immediate cooking.

In the event any person has fished in 2 or more counties during any one day, he shall not have in his possession more than the maximum number or maximum weight of fish permitted in the county allowing the largest number to be taken under the rules and regulations of the commissioner.

Any trout, salmon, togue or black bass kept in any sporting camp, hotel or public lodging place must have the name and address of the person who caught them attached thereto.

This section may be modified or changed by the rules and regulations of the department under section 1960.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 45; 1955, c. 385; 1959, c. 254; c. 333, § 5-A; c. 378, § 30; 1961, cc. 26, 134; 1963, cc. 30, 71.

§ 2554. Daily limit and live fish as bait in certain waters

The commissioner is authorized and directed to issue a rule and regulation establishing a 5-fish daily limit and prohibiting the use or possession of live fish as bait in such waters as have been reclaimed by the removal of rough fish.

1957, c. 437, § 1.

§ 2555. Ponds

All ponds of 10 acres or less in area, formed on brooks, streams or rivers, shall be governed by the same law or rules and regulations governing fishing that apply to the brook, stream or river on which they are situated, whether said pond be natural or artificial.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 47.

§ 2556. Transportation regulated

Any person lawfully in possession of fish may transport them to his home, providing the fish are possessed by the person who caught them.

Any person legally in possession of any fish may ship his daily limit of fish to his home by way of a common carrier, in accordance with chapters 301 to 335. Such privilege of shipment may be exercised once every 10 days by purchasing from the commissioner or his agent a transportation tag which shall cost \$1.25. Twenty-five cents shall be retained by the issuing agent.

No fish shall be transported by any carrier until the shipper has exhibited his fishing license in person, or the same is exhibited by his agent, together with the written request of the licensee that the carrier transport the shipment, and the carrier shall retain the written request until the end of the calendar year in order that inspection may be made by the department. The agent of the common carrier shall indorse, in ink, the following on the back of the shipper's license: The shipping point, date of shipment, weight and number of each kind of fish contained therein and the destination. Such shipment shall have affixed the license number and the kind and weight of fish contained therein. Such agent shall refuse to accept any consignment of fish if it appears that the consignor is not entitled to make such shipment. Fish taken from Rangeley Lake, Mooselookmeguntic Lake, Cupsuptic Lake, Upper Richardson Lake and Lower Richardson Lake shall be limited to one shipment in any one calendar year.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 58; 1963, c. 279, § 11.

§ 2557. Cultivation of useful fish by individuals

Any riparian proprietor may, within the limits of his own premises, enclose the waters of a stream not navigable for the cultivation of useful fish, provided he furnishes suitable passages for fish naturally frequenting such waters, and does not obstruct the passage of boats and other craft and materials, in places where the same have a right to pass. Any person legally engaged in the artificial culture and maintenance of fish may take them in his own enclosed waters wherein the same are so cultivated and maintained, as and when he pleases, and may at all times sell, ship or transport them from his own pools or ponds, without accompanying the shipment, having first procured a license therefor and tagged said fish in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the commissioner. No fish or fish spawn raised by the State shall be planted or deposited in such waters unless the owner shall permit the public to fish therein.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 62; 1961, c. 208.

§ 2558. Live bait; dealers licensed

It shall be unlawful to sell, use or have in possession, either dead or alive, for use as bait for fishing in the inland waters of this State any pickerel, goldfish, yellow perch, white perch, bass, sunfish, crappie, hornpout, carp or any spiny-finned fish; except that the use or possession of live bait, including yellow perch

which have been caught at Little Sebago Lake, Cumberland County, the same day as used, shall be permitted in said Little Sebago Lake.

It shall be lawful to take minnows usually used as bait for fishing, other than the above named species, for fishing in all the inland waters of the State during the period that such waters are open for fishing, as bait for fishing only in this State, except that the commissioner may grant permits to take minnows for bait purposes from certain waters at any time.

All persons dealing in live bait shall be licensed to do so by the commissioner, and the fee therefor shall be \$5 for each calendar year. The license shall authorize the person holding the same to use the ordinary commercial type minnow seine or bag net not to exceed 8 feet in depth by 150 feet in length, in the taking of minnows and other unprotected fish commonly used for bait purposes.

Persons having a bait dealer's license under this section may take smelts in accordance with section 2704, and a licensed bait dealer may possess more than 4 quarts of bait at any time providing the taking was legal.

No live fish for use as bait for fishing within this State shall be imported from without the State.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 63; 1955, c. 180; 1959, c. 112; 1961, c. 364; 1963, c. 99.

§ 2559. Concurrent jurisdiction

The provisions of chapters 301 to 335, so far as they relate to fish of all varieties and fishways, apply to fish and fishways down to tidewaters. All sea salmon, shad, alewives and smelts wherever found that migrate from the ocean into fresh water shall be under the concurrent jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries and the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 64.

§ 2560. Penalties

Whoever violates any provision of sections 2552 and 2553 shall pay a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$30, and costs of prosecution, for each offense; and in addition thereto, \$1 for each fish taken, caught, killed or had in possession in violation of any provision of said sections.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 46; 1959, c. 378, § 31.

SUBCHAPTER II

LICENSES

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§ 2601. Fees; revocation

No person shall fish in any inland waters of the State, except in accordance with the following provisions and the provisions of section 2301.

1. Resident to fish without license in certain cases. Any resident of the State and his or her immediate family may, without license, fish in open waters in accordance with the laws of the State, from land to which he or she is legally entitled to possession, on which he or she is actually domiciled, and which is used exclusively for agricultural purposes.

2. Application for license. Each resident of Maine over 16 years of age and each nonresident over 10 years of age shall purchase a fishing license, which shall be kept upon the person while fishing or transporting fish, and shall be exhibited upon request to any warden, guide or employee of the department. Any resident under 16 years of age and any nonresident under 10 years of age may fish without a license. A resident shall apply and obtain a license from the clerk or agent in the town in which he has a residence, but if the applicant is a resident of the State and is domiciled in an unorganized territory, then the clerk or agent in the town nearest to the unorganized place may issue a license. The commissioner may appoint agents in unorganized towns for the purpose of issuing resident fishing licenses to the residents domiciled in that unorganized town.

1955, c. 290, § 7-A; 1957, c. 392, § 6.

3. Resident license. For the purpose of issuing licenses, the commissioner may appoint clerks of towns or such other agents as he deems necessary, and shall determine the period during which they shall act. The resident license shall be issued upon payment of \$2.75, and the clerk or agent shall retain 25¢ from the fee. The license shall be valid for the calendar year in which it was issued. All licenses shall expire on midnight of December 31st of the year of issue. No license shall be willfully issued to any person not a resident of the municipality in which

said license is issued, and the penalty of any violation of this provision shall be \$10 and costs.

1955, c. 153, § 2; c. 290, § 7-A; 1957, c. 392, § 7.

4. Employees of Veterans Administration Center; complimentary licenses. All employees of the Veterans Administration Center residing in Maine and employed by the Togus Facility are classified as residents of this State for the purpose of obtaining fishing licenses, and shall pay the same fees and be held to the same laws, rules and regulations as residents of this State. The Governor may issue complimentary fishing and hunting licenses to members of the Canadian Immigration Customs Forces who serve in such capacity on the Maine border. The Governor may grant 2-year complimentary hunting and fishing licenses to holders of the Congressional Medal of Honor, upon their application therefor.

5. Nonresident license. There shall be 4 classes of nonresident fishing licenses. A license for the entire season shall cost \$8.75. A 15-day license shall cost \$5.75 and shall remain in effect for 15 days from the date as designated in the license. The amount paid on a 15-day license shall be credited on an entire season license upon the additional payment of \$3.25 in the same year in which the 15-day license was issued. A junior nonresident license, for persons between the ages of 10 and 16 years, shall cost \$2.25 for a season. In all cases, 25¢ shall be retained by the agent from the license fee. Any resident or nonresident of the State may procure a license good for 3 consecutive days as designated in the license upon the payment of \$3.75, 25¢ to be retained by the agent. The date of the days must be plainly enumerated on the face of the license. Any resident of the State who procures a 3-day license may exchange the same for an annual resident fishing license in the town in which he resides, upon the payment of 25¢ to the clerk or agent who issues same.

1955, c. 153, § 3; 1963, c. 279, § 9.

6. Expiration date; net funds of agent. Each season license shall expire on December 31st of the calendar year in which it is issued. Each agent shall on the first of each month forward to the commissioner the net funds by him collected, together with a report containing a list of the persons to whom he has issued licenses since the last report, the class of each license, and said funds shall be promptly forwarded to the Treasurer of State.

7. Failure to produce license. Failure to produce a license within a reasonable time shall be prima facie evidence of the violation of this section.

8. Poll tax receipt. No resident hunting or fishing license or combination of same shall be issued unless the applicant shall present a poll tax receipt from the town where he resided in the year immediately preceding the date of the application, or the applicant exhibits a valid unexpired State of Maine motor vehicle operator's license bearing the applicant's name, or the applicant must exhibit a certificate from the taxing authority that he was exempted from paying a poll tax, or that the same has been abated or that the applicant is not required by law to pay a poll tax.

9. Reciprocity with New Hampshire. When similar legislation is enacted by the state of New Hampshire, fishing licenses issued to residents of either this State or New Hampshire shall be recognized as meeting all requirements of the law when used on any lake or pond which is partly in both states.

10. Licenses for members of Armed Forces, spouses and children. A license to hunt or fish shall be issued, at the resident license fee, to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America who is a citizen of the United States and stationed at some military or naval post, station or base within the State, or his or her spouse or minor child who is at least 16 years of age. Said member of the Armed Forces, desiring a hunting or fishing license, must present certification from the commander of said post, station or base, or his designated agent, that the person mentioned in the certification is stationed at or attached to said post, station or base. Licenses may be issued by the clerk or agent in the town in which said military or naval post, station or base is situated. Holders of such licenses shall be subject to all the laws of the State and the rules and regulations of the commissioner regulating hunting and fishing. For violations of said laws or rules and regulations, such license shall be revoked in the same manner as provided in chapters 301 to 335 for the revocation of hunting and fishing licenses.

1955, c. 9; c. 290, § 7-B.

11. Complimentary licenses to state, national and international leaders. The department shall be permitted to issue complimentary nonresident fishing and hunting licenses, not to exceed 500 in total, under the following provisions:

These licenses are to be issued to newspaper or magazine writers and photographers; radio and television writers and pho-

tographers; others who will assist in publicizing the State of Maine; and visiting dignitaries from other states or of national or international importance. The persons qualified to receive these licenses shall be passed upon by a committee composed of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game and the Commissioner of Economic Development, or a member of his department whom he shall designate, and a member designated by the Governor.

The purpose of this project would be to increase the income of the department, to increase the income to the vacation travel business, and to honor state and national or international leaders who are likely to mention our State favorably to others.

1957, c. 15; c. 429, §§ 43, 44.

12. Licenses for Canadian soldiers stationed in Maine. A license to hunt or fish shall be issued, at the resident license fee, to any member of the Armed Forces of Canada stationed at some military or naval post, station or base within the State. Said member of the Armed Forces, desiring a hunting or fishing license, must present certification from the commander of said post, station or base, or his designated agent, that the person mentioned in the certification is stationed at or attached to said post, station or base.

Licenses shall be issued by the clerk of the town in which said military or naval post, station or base is situated.

Holders of such licenses shall be subject to all the laws of the State and the rules and regulations of the commissioner regulating hunting and fishing; and for violations of said laws or rules and regulations, such license shall be revoked in the same manner as provided in chapters 301 to 335 for the revocation of hunting and fishing licenses.

1961, c. 175.

13. License illegally obtained. Any person obtaining any license authorized in chapters 301 to 335 through fraud, misstatement or misrepresentation shall be subject to the penalties set forth in section 3060.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 39; 1955, c. 9; c. 153, §§ 2, 3; c. 290, §§ 7-A, 7-B; 1957, c. 15; c. 392, §§ 5, 6, 7; c. 429, §§ 43, 44; 1961, c. 175; 1963, c. 279, § 9.

§ 2602. Duplicates; fees

The commissioner shall issue a duplicate license to any person, who has accidentally lost or destroyed any license issued to him under chapters 301 to 335, upon payment of a fee of 25¢.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 40.

SUBCHAPTER III

ICE FISHING

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§ 2651. Restrictions

All inland waters of the State are closed to ice fishing, except those which have been opened to fishing through the ice by rule and regulation of the commissioner. A person legally licensed may fish through the ice in the daytime with not more than 5 lines, set or otherwise, which shall be under the immediate supervision of such person, in any waters which have been opened to ice fishing by the commissioner.

It shall be lawful to fish in the nighttime by using not more than 5 lines set or otherwise for cusk in the waters which have been opened to ice fishing by the commissioner for salmon, trout and togue. All lines set for cusk in the nighttime must be visited at least once in every hour by the person setting the same. The commissioner may open other waters for fishing for cusk in the nighttime.

Unless otherwise specified, the legal lengths and daily limits which have been established for open water fishing in each county shall apply to all waters open to ice fishing in those counties.

Except as set forth in this section, it shall be unlawful to ice fish from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise of the following morning.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 54; 1955, c. 290, § 11.

§ 2652. Reclaimed waters

The commissioner is authorized and directed to issue a rule and regulation closing to ice fishing such waters as have been reclaimed by the removal of rough fish.

1957, c. 437, § 2.

§ 2653. Shacks to be removed; name of owner to be affixed

No owner of any shack or temporary structure used for ice fishing purposes shall leave or allow the same to remain on the ice of any inland waters 3 days after the waters on which such shack or temporary structure is located closes to ice fishing. When said structure is on the ice of any inland waters the owner's name shall be painted on the outside of said shack in 2-inch letters. Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$300 and costs or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.

1961, c. 137.

SUBCHAPTER IV

MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES

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§ 2701. Eels, suckers, hornpouts, yellow perch, alewives; permits

The commissioner may grant permits to take suckers, eels, hornpouts, alewives and yellow perch for market, by means of eel pots, traps, spears or nets, in inland waters frequented by these fish, under such terms, rules and regulations as he may establish, but no exclusive territory permits shall be granted for the taking of any of said fish in any inland waters. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to take any of the above-mentioned fish for market until he has obtained a permit to do so from the said commissioner.

It shall be lawful to take suckers in brooks and streams which are open to fishing between April 15th and May 30th of

each calendar year by the use of a spear by persons licensed or otherwise entitled to fish in Maine waters.

The commissioner may issue a permit to any licensed trapper to take not more than 20 pounds of eels annually for use in baiting traps.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 57.

§ 2702. Hellgramites

No person shall take, buy or transport any hellgramites for use beyond the limits of this State.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 56.

§ 2703. Pickerel; daily limit

No person shall catch, kill or take more than 10 pickerel in any one day during any open season, and no person shall have more than 10 pickerel in his possession at any one time.

This section does not apply in Washington County.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 48.

§ 2704. Smelts; daily limit

Smelts may be taken by the use of a dip-net in the usual and ordinary way. No person shall take, kill, catch or have in possession more than 4 quarts of smelts in any one day.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 55; 1963, c. 279, § 10.

SUBCHAPTER V

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§ 2751. Sale of certain fish

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or buy, directly or indirectly, any landlocked salmon, trout, togue, black bass, white

perch or pickerel, except that pickerel may be sold in Washington County. This section shall not apply to fish which have been lawfully produced by commercial producers within the State or which have been lawfully imported from without the State.

Anyone desiring to sell such fish which have been either commercially grown within the State or imported from without the State must first obtain a license from the commissioner who is authorized to issue such licenses, subject to such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary to carry out this section. The license fee shall be \$1 and licenses shall be kept constantly and publicly posted in the office or place of business of the licensee. Whenever any person, partnership or corporation sells such fish in more than one wholesale or retail outlet, each shall be licensed.

Such fish, whether commercially grown within the State or imported from without the State, shall be packaged at the original source which said package shall bear the name and address of the source printed on the outside thereof and the fish shall not be removed from the original package, except by the ultimate purchaser.

All licensees shall keep invoices of fish so sold and purchased which invoices shall be available at all times for inspection by the commissioner or his duly authorized agent.

A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$10 or more than \$30, and costs, for each offense, and in addition thereto, \$1 for each fish sold or purchased.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 49; 1955, c. 290, § 10.

§ 2752. Certain implements and devices prohibited

It shall be unlawful to use dynamite or any other explosive, poisonous or stupefying substance at any time for the purpose of taking or destroying any kind of fish. A violation shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 and costs for each offense or by imprisonment for 2 months.

It shall be lawful to angle or fish by use of the single-baited hook and line, artificial flies, artificial minnows, artificial insects, spoon hooks and spinners, except that it shall be lawful to take smelts in Fish River Chain of Lakes, Aroostook County, by use of 3 single-baited hooks spaced a minimum of 4 inches apart.

It shall be unlawful to jig fish at any time.

All other devices, such as fish spawn, grapnel, spear, trawl, weir, gaff, seine, gill net, trap or set lines, except as otherwise provided, for the taking, catching, killing or destruction of fish

shall be unlawful, except that it shall be lawful to take suckers, eels, hornpouts, yellow perch, white fish and cusk in accordance with section 2701. No person shall have in his possession at any time any grapnel, trawl, weir, seine, gill net, trap or set line, except in accordance with this section and sections 2106 and 2701 in any lodge or place of resort for hunters or fishermen or in its immediate vicinity, or on any of the lakes, rivers or streams of the State, or in their immediate vicinity, in the inland territory of the State.

Any violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$300, and costs of prosecution, for each offense, and in addition thereto, \$1 for each fish unlawfully taken, caught, killed or in possession of any violator of this section.

No person shall fish with more than 2 lines at any one time except in accordance with section 2651.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 52; 1955, c. 115; 1963, c. 33.

§ 2753. Implements and devices in Washington County waters

Between the first day of May and the first day of December of each year, it shall be unlawful to set or use any device such as fish spawn, grapnel, spear, trawl, weir, gaff, seine, gill net, trap or set line on the waters of the Pleasant River and its tributaries in Columbia Falls and Addison, in Washington County, above Maine River Bridge, so called, in said Addison, and during such closed period no person shall have in his possession any grapnel, trawl, weir, seine, gill net, trap or set line on the waters of the Pleasant River or its tributaries within the above described boundaries. This section shall not apply to the taking of eels by spear from said waters during the month of November annually. This section shall not apply to the taking of alewives from said waters as authorized by the general law or by vote of the Town of Columbia Falls. Any equipment used in violation of this section shall be confiscated by the commissioner, after final adjudication of any charge brought under this section.

1957, c. 233.

§ 2754. Use and possession of gill nets in inland waters

It shall be unlawful for anyone to use or have in possession a gill net on any of the inland waters of the State.

Any violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$300, and costs, which fine

and costs shall not be suspended. On the 2nd offense the fine shall be not less than \$100 nor more than \$300, and costs, and not less than 15 days nor more than 60 days in jail, which fine, costs and jail sentence shall not be suspended.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 53; 1955, c. 81.

§ 2755. Stocking of lakes and streams without consent

Whoever introduces fish of any kind into any waters of the State by means of live fish, or otherwise, except upon written permission of the commissioner, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 59.

§ 2756. Advance baiting

Whoever deposits any meat, bones, dead fish, or parts of the same, or other food for fish in any of the inland waters of the State for the purpose of luring fish, known as "advance baiting," shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$30, and costs of prosecution, for each offense.

R.S.1954, c. 37, § 60.