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To Harry L. Sanborn, Director, Sea and Shore Fisheries  
Re: Search and Seizure

I have your letter of June 12, re authority of wardens to break the lock of the well of a lobster smack.

R. S. Chapter 45, Section 3, provides for the marking of searches by fish wardens and deputy wardens. If the fish wardens and deputy wardens acting under the authority of Chapter 45, Section 3, R. S. 1916, proceed to search any lobster smack, and they find that it is necessary for the purpose of making the search, to break any lock, they have full authority to do so.

We advise, however, that fish wardens and deputy wardens must comply strictly in all searches and seizures with the provisions of Chapter 45, Section 3, R. S. 1916.

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