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Department of Inland Fisheries  
and Game  
State House  
Augusta, Maine

Gentlemen:                   Attention Mr. Lester E. Brown

In answer to your communication of March 22,  
I beg to inform you that Section 19 of Chapter 38 of  
the Revised Statutes provides that,-

"No resident of the State over eighteen  
years of age and no non-resident of whatever age  
shall fish in any inland waters of the state  
except in accordance with the following provision."

You will notice that Paragraph 1 of this same  
section provides that,--

"Any resident of the state and his immediate  
family may, without license, fish in any open  
waters in accordance with the laws of  
the state on land owned by him, on which he is  
actually domiciled, and which is used exclusively  
for agricultural purposes."

It is evident that the general public, in fishing  
on the pond you mention, should have a license. It might  
be possible, however, that a person and his family owning  
the land covered by this pond might have a right to fish  
without a license provided the land bordering on the pond  
was used exclusively for agricultural purposes.

Very truly yours,

Deputy Attorney General

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