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March 29, 1938

Arthur R. Greenleaf, Commissioner
Sea and Shore Fisheries
Thomaston, Maine

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of March 28, I have to inform you that I do not know of any provision of our statute which would authorize the erection of weirs on Dennys River for alewives' fishing. Chapter 54 of the Private and Special Laws of 1921 provided that alewives and shad could be taken in certain waters of Dennys River by means of ordinary hand dip-nets during the open season and under the restrictions and conditions provided by the general law of the state in Dennys River in Edmunds in the County of Washington as far as lower side of the Upper Bridge near the Mill so-called.

Section 27 of Chapter 2 of the Public Laws of 1933, provides for the taking of salmon, shad and alewives in certain waters with reference to Dennys River. It says that fly fishing shall be allowed up to the bridge across the Dennys River at Lincoln's Mill but not between the bridge and Lincoln's Mill Dam.

I do not find any further provision for the fishing for, or taking of alewives from Dennys River.

I am enclosing letter to you from Fred G. Johnson,Jr..

Very truly yours,

Sanford L. Fogg
Deputy Attorney General

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