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# STATE OF MAINE

## IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE

#### RESOLVE, for Repairing Fish Screen at Outlet of Messalonskee Lake in Oakland.

**Repair of fish screen at outlet of Messalonskee Lake. Resolved:** That the sum of \$2,000 be appropriated from the funds of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game to aid in repairing the fish screen at the outlet of Messalonskee Lake in the Town of Oakland in the County of Kennebec; and be it further

**Resolved:** That said appropriation shall be paid to the Messalonskee Fish and Game Club as the state's share of said repairs; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the state's share shall be  $\frac{1}{2}$  the cost of said repairs or \$2,000, whichever is the lesser.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

This fish screen is located at the outlet of Messalonskee Lake in Oakland, Maine. It is the only thing to prevent any or all the fish in the seven Belgrade chain of lakes from going into the Kennebec River and the Atlantic Ocean.

This screen was built in 1927 and major repairs were made in 1945 by the cooperative effort of the Towns of Belgrade, Sidney, Oakland and the Arnold Trail Club, private donations and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game.

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The screen has been cared for and maintained by the Town of Oakland, the Arnold Trail Club and in recent years by the Messalonskee Fish and Game Club. The average cost has been about \$400 per year.

The screen qualifies according to plans for location and stocking and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game feels that the State is justified in paying  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the cost.