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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 69

House of Representatives, January 9, 1963

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Anderson of Ellsworth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Taking of Alewives in Town of Blue Hill.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1959, c. 155, § 36-A, additional. Chapter 155 of the private and special laws of 1959 is amended by adding a new section 36-A, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 36-A. Taking of alewives in Blue Hill. Exclusive rights to the taking of alewives from the brook which is the outlet of First Pond, and from all the brooks which connect First, Second, Third and Fourth Ponds, shall be optional with the Town of Blue Hill.

The town, at its annual town meeting, may determine by vote whether the alewife fishing in these waters shall be operated by the town, through its selectmen or a committee appointed for that purpose, or the privilege offered for sale by said selectmen or committee; and likewise may provide for regulations, compatible with good conservation practices, to govern the times when and the manner in which alewives shall be taken therein. There shall be a 24-hour weekly closed season on alewives in all such waters from sunrise on each Saturday morning until sunrise on the following Sunday morning.

Whenever such regulations are thus provided for, they shall be promulgated by the selectmen of the Town of Blue Hill and a copy of the same filed immediately with the clerk of said town and the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries.

If in any year said town fails to act as provided for, the taking of alewives in said waters shall be in accordance with the provisions of the general laws of the

State and any regulations adopted under authority of this section shall be enforced by the municipal officers of the Town of Blue Hill.

If, after thorough investigation, it is the opinion of the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries that the town is not following sound conservation principles in its management of the fishery, said commissioner shall notify the town officials of his findings and they shall take immediate corrective measures to prevent destruction of the fishery.'

Sec. 2. Limitation. The brooks mentioned in section 1 shall be closed to the taking of alewives for a period of 2 years after the effective date of this act. Such closing shall be enforced by the Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries. After such 2-year period has elapsed section 1 shall become effective.