

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kennedy of Milbridge.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT** Regulating Taking of Alewives in Narraguagus River.

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

**P. & S. L., 1959, c. 155, § 108-A, additional.** Chapter 155 of the private and special laws of 1959 is amended by adding a new section 108-A, to read as follows :

**‘Sec. 108-A. Taking of alewives in Narraguagus River. Exclusive rights to the taking of alewives from Narraguagus River in the Town of Cherryfield, Washington County, shall be optional with the town.**

The town, at its annual meeting, may determine by vote whether the alewife fishing in Narraguagus River shall be operated by the town, through its selectmen or a committee appointed for that purpose or the privilege offered for sale by the 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.

Whenever such regulations are thus provided for, they shall be promulgated by the selectmen of the Town of Cherryfield 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 shall fail to act as provided for, the taking of alewives in Narraguagus River 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 Cherryfield.

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.'**