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No. 65

H. P. 63

House of Representatives, January 8, 1969

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mills of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Power Boats on Certain Waters in Washington County.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game constructed Pokey Dam in the Town of Crawford in 1964; said dam was constructed as a Pitman-Robinson Project; and said dam was constructed for the prime purpose of stabilizing the water level above said dam site for a waterfowl nesting and brood area; and

Whereas, the property owners of this area are in agreement for the necessity of regulating laws; and

Whereas, the area's natural habitat has been surveyed for years and conservationists are in agreement to regulate by law; and

Whereas, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game has spent money and manpower-time to properly establish this waterfowl brooding area; and

Whereas, irresponsible persons have been observed chasing the young broods to destruction with high speed motorized boats; and

Whereas, these conditions are deemed to have created an emergency to avoid further destruction of waterfowl; and

Whereas, it is now certain that legislation would be beneficial to the waterfowl that will be using this area and the purpose of said legislation would be to reduce human disturbance; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the follow-

ing legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., T. 38, § 240, amended. Section 240 of Title 38 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

No person shall operate any boat or canoe propelled by a motor of over 8 horsepower on the following parts of the East Machias River and tributaries: East Machias River between Pocomoonshine Lake and Crawford Lake, including First Mud Lake, Second Mud Lake and Allen Stream, being in Alexander, Princeton and Plantation No. 21 and Dog Brook in Princeton, all being in Washington County. This restriction shall not apply to inland fish and game wardens or those engaged in fighting forest fires.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.