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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Size Limit of Trout.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, fishing is one of Maine's greatest natural resources and tourist attractions: and

Whereas, conservation of trout for both the inhabitants of Maine and our summer visitors is vital to the economy of the State; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the following law be put into operation as soon as possible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following 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. 12, § 2553, sub-§ 2, amended. Subsection 2 of section 2553 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 169 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

Trout. A trout less than 6 inches in length except that there shall be 2. no length limit for trout taken from brooks and streams;

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