

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 100

S. P. 44

In Senate, January 9, 1973

On motion of Senator Anderson of Hancock, referred to the Committee on Marine Resources. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Anderson of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Closed Season for Taking Smelts in the Town of Surry,
Hancock County.

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

Whereas, the taking of smelts in the Town of Surry is an important economic benefit to its inhabitants; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to aid those who derive part of their livelihood from fishing; 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, § 4101, amended. The first paragraph of section 4101 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

From March 15th to June 15th of each year it is unlawful to fish for or take any smelts from the tidal waters of the State by any means other than by the use of a hand ~~dip net~~ **dip net** operated by one man, or by the ordinary mode of angling with hook and line, **except that in the Town of Surry, Hancock County, the closed season shall be from April 1st to June 15th.**

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of the bill is to change the beginning of the closed season for taking smelts in the Town of Surry from March 15th to April 1st.