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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 180

H. P. 147

House of Representatives, January 16, 1973

Referred to Committee on Marine Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to the Taking of Alewives in the Salmon Falls
and Great Works Rivers, York County.

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

P. & S. L., 1959, c. 155, § 130-A, additional. Chapter 155 of the private and special laws of 1959, as amended, is further amended by adding a new section 130-A to read as follows:

Sec. 130-A. Taking of alewives in the Salmon Falls and Great Works Rivers, Exclusive rights to the taking of alewives from the Salmon Falls and Great Works Rivers in the Town of South Berwick, York County, shall be optional with the town.

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 council or a committee appointed for that purpose, or the privilege offered for sale by said council 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.

Whenever such regulations are thus provided for, they shall be promulgated by the council of the Town of South Berwick 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 South Berwick.

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 fisheries, said commissioner shall notify the town officials of his findings and they shall take immediate corrective measures to prevent destruction of the fisheries.

STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the intent of this bill to allow the Town of South Berwick to manage the alewife runs within its border, to work to increase the runs and to prevent the loss of this resource through overharvesting.