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E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mills of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Taking of Alewives in the Town of Whiting, Washington County.

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

Taking of alewives in Whiting. Exclusive rights to the taking of alewives from all waters in the Town of Whiting, Washington 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 selectmen or a committee appointed for that purpose, or the privilege offered for sale by 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. There shall be a 24-hour weekly closed season on alewives in all such waters from sunrise of each Saturday morning until sunrise on the following Sunday morning.

Whenever such regulations are thus provided for, they shall be promulgated by the selectmen of the Town of Whiting and a copy of the same filed immediately with the clerk of said town and the Commissioner of Marine Resources.

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 Whiting.

If, after thorough investigation, it is the opinion of the Commissioner of Marine Resources 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.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill relates to the taking of alewives in the Town of Whiting, Washington County.