

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 345

H. P. 296

House of Representatives, January 23, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. QUINN of Gorham.

Cosponsor: Mr. Usher of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Increase the Amount of Trout, Salmon, Togue and Black Bass
which may be Legally Possessed.

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

12 MRSA, § 2553, first 5 paragraphs, as amended, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

No person shall take, catch or kill any more than 8 fish or have in possession more than 16 fish of the salmon, trout, togue or black bass species during any one day of any open season, from any or all of the inland waters of the State, except in the County of Aroostook and except as provided for by rules and regulations of the department under section 1960. No person shall take, catch, kill or have in possession more than 12 fish of the salmon, trout, togue or black bass species during any one day of any open season, from any or all of the inland waters of Aroostook County, except as provided for by rules and regulations of the department under section 1960.

No person shall take, catch, kill or have in possession more than 8 whitefish during any one day of any open season, from all or any of the inland waters of the State.

No person shall take, catch or kill in any one day more than 7½ pounds in the aggregate or have in possession at any time more than 15 pounds in the aggregate of the trout, salmon, togue and black bass species, unless the last fish caught increases the combined weight taken in one day to more than 7½ pounds.

No person shall take, catch or kill in any one day more than 7½ pounds or

5 fish or have in possession at any time more than 15 pounds or 10 fish in the aggregate of trout, salmon, togue and black bass, unless the last fish caught in one day increases the combined weight to more than $7\frac{1}{2}$ pounds. This paragraph shall apply only to Sebago Lake, Cumberland County.

In waters open to ice fishing, no person shall take, catch or kill in any one day more than $7\frac{1}{2}$ pounds or have in possession at any time more than 15 pounds in the aggregate of the trout, salmon, togue and black bass species, unless the last fish caught in one day increases the combined weight to more than $7\frac{1}{2}$ pounds.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act allows possession of twice the daily bag limit of trout, salmon, togue and black bass and is intended to provide a more reasonable total catch for people on a fishing trip which may last several days.