

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 250

H. P. 188

House of Representatives, February 3, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and 1,800 copies ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. McKean of Limestone.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Eliminate Weight Limits on Certain Species of Fish and to
Provide for Uniform Possession Limits by Numbers.**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 2553, first 4 ¶¶, as amended, are repealed and the following enacted in their places:

During any one day of any open season no person shall take, catch, kill or have in his possession, more than 3 salmon or 3 togue or 5 trout or more than 5 in the aggregate of salmon, togue and trout from any or all of the lakes and ponds of the State. From brooks, streams and rivers 3 trout may be added to the 5-trout limit for a total of 8 trout or no more than 8 in the aggregate of salmon, togue and trout from any or all the waters of the State.

For the above paragraph, the term "trout" shall include brock trout (square-tail), brown trout, rainbow trout, sunapee trout and blueback trout only.

During any one day of any open season no person shall take, catch, kill or have in his possession more than 5 black bass, 8 whitefish and 10 chain pickerel from any or all of the inland waters of the State.

Weight limits or aggregate weight limits are abolished.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 2553, sub-§ 1, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 772, § 15, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Salmon or togue. A salmon less than 14 inches in length or a togue less than 16 inches in length;

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA § 2553, sub-§ 2, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 772, § 16, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Trout. Brook trout or blueback trout less than 6 inches in length from lakes and ponds; brown trout or rainbow trout less than 12 inches in length from lakes and ponds; brook trout no length limit from brooks, streams and rivers; brown trout and rainbow trout 8-inch limit from brooks, streams and rivers; or

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill eliminates weight limits on several species of fish and provides for more uniform possession limits by numbers.